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## Barr sees a way for census to legally ask about citizenship

By MIKE BALSAMO  
Associated Press

EDGEFIELD, S.C. (AP) — Attorney General William Barr said Monday he sees a way to legally require 2020 census respondents to declare whether or not they are citizens, despite a Supreme Court ruling that forbade asking the question. In an interview with The Associated Press, Barr said the Trump administration will take action in the coming days that he believes will allow the government to add the controversial census query. Barr would not detail the plans, though a senior official said President Donald Trump is expected to issue a memorandum to the

Commerce Department instructing it to include the question on census forms. The Supreme Court recently blocked the question, at least temporarily, saying the administration's justification "seems to have been contrived." That was a blow to Trump, who has been pressing for the government to demand information about citizenship. The U.S. Census Bureau's experts have said requiring such information would discourage immigrants from participating in the survey and result in a less accurate count.

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Attorney General William Barr speaks to reporters after a tour of a federal prison Monday, July 8, 2019, in Edgefield, S.C.

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# Trump administration reviews human rights' role in U.S. policy

By ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Trump administration said Monday that it will review the role of human rights in American foreign policy, appointing a commission expected to elevate concerns about religious freedom and abortion.

Human rights groups accused the administration of politicizing foreign policy in a way that could undermine protections for marginalized populations, including the gay, lesbian and transgender community. Democratic senators have raised concerns about the panel's intent and composition, fearing it would consist of members who "hold views hostile to women's rights" and blow away existing standards and definitions.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the creation of the Commission on Unalienable Rights, saying the country must be "vigilant that human rights discourse not be corrupted or hijacked or used for dubious or malignant purposes." As human rights



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, right, unveils the creation of Commission on Unalienable Rights, headed by Mary Ann Glendon, left, a Harvard Law School professor and a former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, during an announcement at the US State Department in Washington, Monday, July 8, 2019.

claims have "proliferated," he said, nations are in conflict about what constitutes a human right and which rights should be respected and treated as valid.

"I hope that the commission will revisit the most basic of questions: What does

it mean to say, or claim, that something is in fact a human right?" Pompeo said. "How do we know, or how do we determine that this — or that — is a human right. Is it true, and therefore ought it to be honored?" He said he expected the most comprehensive review on the subject since

the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the United Nations and laid out broadly accepted rights and freedoms.

The commission will be chaired by Harvard Law School professor Mary Ann Glendon, a former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. A

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conservative scholar and author, Glendon turned down an honor from Notre Dame the year President Barack Obama gave a commencement address there, protesting the school's decision to recognize him in spite of his support for abortion rights.

Monday's announcement alarmed human rights groups, which said they feared the commission could roll back progress in establishing protections for marginalized group.

Amnesty International USA said there was no reason for such a review given the decades-old protections in place, while the American Civil Liberties Union said "taxpayer resources would be better spent assessing the administration's failure to meet basic human rights obligations, rather than re-defining those rights."

Adotei Akwei, Amnesty International's deputy director for advocacy and government relations, said he was concerned that the commission, in its use of the word "unalienable," was aiming to redefine human rights in the narrow way America's founding fathers understood them. □

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## Fuel makers launch ad criticizing Trump ethanol mandates

By TODD RICHMOND  
Associated Press

**MADISON, Wis. (AP)** — An association representing oil refineries launched a television ad in four swing states Monday criticizing President Donald Trump's moves to expand the use of ethanol in gasoline. The American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers' 30-second spot will run statewide through July in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin. The group didn't immediately say how much it was spending on the buy. The ad claims that Trump promised a "win-win energy policy for all Americans. But for small refineries, unchecked ethanol mandates are job killers, hurting the backbone of our man-

ufacturing economy."

It goes on to say: "President Trump, only you can fix this."

The ad underscores how Trump's administration has found itself caught between the oil industry and corn growers, two key flanks of Trump's base.

For more than a decade federal law has mandated that oil refineries mix ethanol into their fuel. The Trump administration's former Environmental Protection Agency chief, Scott Pruitt, had angered lawmakers, growers and ethanol processors by granting exemptions sparing refineries from that mandate. The dispute sparked a billboard campaign and a tractor rally by angry Midwestern farmers last year.

This past May the administration tried to calm the dispute by lifting a summertime ban on gasoline mixed with 15% ethanol. The ban had been imposed out of smog concerns but the administration's move cleared the way for year-round sales and expanded the ethanol market. Only a fraction of U.S. gas stations currently sell the 15% blend, known as E15.

Officials in the EPA Region 5 office, which is responsible for Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio, didn't immediately respond to an email Monday seeking comment on the ad. No one immediately responded to an email sent to the general inbox for the EPA Region 3 office, which oversees Pennsylvania. □





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That in turn would redistribute money and political power away from Democratic-led cities where immigrants tend to cluster to whiter, rural areas where Republicans do well.

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday that Trump wants to add the demand for citizenship information because he wants to "make America white again."

Meanwhile, the Justice Department is replacing the legal team that has been pursuing Trump's efforts, putting in place a new team consisting of both career and politically appointed attorneys.

The new team, named in court papers, includes Deputy Assistant Attorney General David Morrell, a former Trump White House lawyer and law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas; Christopher Bates, who previously worked for Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, and four career Justice Department attorneys, Glenn Girdharry, Colin Kisor, Christopher Reimer and Daniel Schiffer.

James Burnham, a top lawyer in the department's civil division who had been leading the team, had told Barr that a number of people who had been litigating the case preferred "not to continue during this new phase," the attorney general said. The new team may find it easier to argue the administration's new position, said an administration official, speaking only on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to comment for attribution.

Barr said he didn't have details on why the attorneys didn't want to continue, but "as far as I know, they

don't think we are legally wrong." Barr said he has been in regular contact with Trump over the issue of the citizenship question. "I agree with him that the Supreme Court decision was wrong," the attorney general said. He said he believes there is "an opportunity potentially to cure the lack of clarity that was the problem and we might as well take a shot at doing that." The Trump administration has argued that it wanted the question included to aid in enforcing the Voting Rights Act, which protects minority voters' access to the ballot box. But Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court's four more liberal members in last month's Supreme Court decision, openly skeptical about that justification. It's unclear what new rationale for asking the question the administration might include in a presidential memorandum. Barr said the change in attorneys working on the issue came about after Burnham approached him and "indicated it was a logical breaking point since a new decision would be made and the issues going forward would hopefully be separate from the historical debates." "If they prefer not to embark on this next phase, then I thought it could make sense to change," Barr said.

Pelosi, meanwhile, said in a letter to colleagues that the full House would be moving forward with a vote to hold Barr and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in contempt of Congress after the administration failed to comply with subpoenas regarding the census question. Barr spoke to the AP after touring a federal prison in Edgefield, South Carolina, where he



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaks during a news conference at the Federal Building in San Francisco on Monday, July 8, 2019.

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met with inmates and staff criminal justice reform law and Trump signed into law members to discuss the that Congress approved last year. □



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## GOP scoffs at law allowing release of Trump's state taxes

By **DAVID KLEPPER**  
**Associated Press**

**ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)** — President Donald Trump's New York tax returns could be given to Congress under a new law in his home state that was signed Monday by the Democratic governor and dismissed by Republicans as a partisan game that wouldn't stand up in court.

The measure signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo directs state tax officials to share state returns of certain elected and appointed officials upon written request from the chairpersons of one of three committees: House Ways and Means, Senate Finance or Joint Committee on Taxation.

Designed to give Congress a way around the Republican president's refusal to release his returns, the new law is expected to face legal challenges. And it's unclear whether Congress will request access to Trump's state returns, which tax experts say would include many of the same details as his federal return.

"No one person — no matter what office they might hold — is above the law," said Sen. Brad Hoylman, a Manhattan Democrat and the Senate sponsor of the legislation.

All sides expect legal challenges and requests for injunctions, meaning it could be many months before any state tax returns are handed over. The White House did not return a message seeking comment Monday on the law.

Trump has long filed taxes in New York as a resident of the state. He is the first president since Watergate to decline to make his returns public, often claiming that



In a Sunday, July 7, 2019 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks at Morristown Municipal Airport in Morristown, N.J. resident Donald Trump's New York state tax returns could be given to Congress under a new law in his home state.

**Associated Press**

he would release them if he were not under audit.

The president has not weighed in on the new law but has repeatedly accused New York Democrats of using their positions to harass him and his allies. Republicans in New York say that while the law was written to target Trump, it could be used to go after any other official who pays taxes in the state.

"This is purely political," state Republican Party Chairman Nick Langworthy told reporters Monday. "It is an attempt to settle political scores."

Democrats are eager to get ahold of the returns, which could reveal details about his business dealings, his debts and international financial ties.

If Congress does request and obtain Trump's state tax returns, that doesn't mean the public gets to see them. Under federal law, the confidential information in the returns is supposed to be for the committee's eyes only.

To address concerns about the tax privacy of everyday New Yorkers, state

lawmakers narrowed the measure so it applies only to the state income tax returns elected officials, party leaders and top public officials, like judges — as well as any businesses or legal entities they control.

In addition, state tax officials would be required to redact personal information, such as Social Security numbers or personal addresses, before handing over the documents.

Top lawmakers in Washington have differed on whether congressional committees should make use of the new law.

U.S. House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, a New York Democrat, has touted the bill as "a workaround to a White House that continues to obstruct and stonewall the legitimate oversight work of Congress."

Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts, however, has signaled that he may not be interested. Neal is already pursuing Trump's federal returns and has threatened to go to court in order to get the administration to comply. □



In this June 22, 2019, file photo, Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., speaks to the South Carolina Democratic Party convention in Columbia, S.C.

**Associated Press**

## U.S. Rep. Swalwell ends presidential bid, will seek reelection

By **ELANA SCHOR**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Rep. Eric Swalwell on Monday became the first candidate in the crowded 2020 Democratic presidential primary to exit the campaign, saying he would run for reelection to his California congressional seat next year.

Swalwell, 38, announced his exit in his home district, describing his decision as "the beginning of an opportunity in Congress with a new perspective" influenced by his 3-month-long presidential bid.

The four-term congressman's White House effort never progressed significantly with voters, a fact Swalwell acknowledged on Monday in saying that "polls have had their way" in determining his viability. He had signaled before departing the race that he would consider bowing out if he was in danger of missing the cutoff for the next nationally televised Democratic debate, which is based on separate polling and donor qualifications.

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock missed the threshold for last month's debate but was ahead of Swalwell in the competition for this month's televised Democratic faceoff.

Asked about whether other candidates with similarly lackluster success so far in the packed Democratic primary should also consider dropping out, Swalwell demurred, describing the abandonment of a campaign as "really a personal decision." He also declined to indicate which of his onetime presidential rivals he might endorse in the primary and said he had not planned to seek the presidency as "a vanity project" or "to write a book."

As Swalwell prepares to seek another term in Congress, he said that he would not "take anything for granted." Indeed, he already has a challenger in his liberal-leaning district: Democrat Aisha Wahab, a city councilwoman in Hayward. □





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## Iowa, Nevada to launch caucus voting by phone for 2020

By MICHELLE L. PRICE and THOMAS BEAUMONT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)

— Democrats in the early presidential contest states of Iowa and Nevada will be able to cast their votes over the telephone instead of showing up at their states' traditional neighborhood caucus meetings next February, according to plans unveiled by the state parties.

The tele-caucus systems, the result of a mandate from the Democratic National Committee, are aimed at opening the local-level political gatherings to more people, especially evening shift-workers and people with disabilities, whom critics of the caucuses have long said are blocked from the process. The changes are expected to boost voter participation across the board, presenting a new opportunity for the Democratic Party's 2020 candidates to drive up support in the crucial early voting states.

"This is a no-excuse option" for participation, said Shelby Wiltz, the Nevada Democrats' caucus director.

Party officials don't have an estimate of how many voters will take advantage of the call-in option. But in Iowa, some recent polls show as many as 20% of Democrats will participate virtually. In Nevada, most voters tend to cast ballots early during regular elections, and party officials expect many will take advantage of the early presidential vote.

While rolling out a new voting system holds the promise of more voter participation, it also comes with potential risk for confusion or technical troubles. But the party is moving forward to try and address long-standing



In this March 8, 2019 file photo, an audience member arrives at a rally for 2020 Democratic presidential candidate at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

ing criticism that the caucuses are exclusionary and favor some candidates over others.

The Iowa caucuses, a series of party-run, local-level organizing meetings that adopted a presidential preference element more than 50 years ago, have come under increasing criticism in the past decade for their fixed evening time and place. Such rules effectively barred participation in the first-in-the-country nominating contest, for instance, for parents unable to find child care or older voters hesitant to venture out in the dead of winter. Hillary Clinton and her supporters complained that Iowa's process "disenfranchised" those unable to attend after she finished a disappointing third place in the 2008 caucuses.

In 2016, backers of Sen. Bernie Sanders cried foul over the Iowa results when Clinton won a razor-thin margin, 49.9% to 49.6%, despite some irregularities in reporting results. The dispute, replicated in part in Nevada,

was a key factor in the push from groups on the left to overhaul the nominating process heading into 2020. Nevada, the third state in the Democrats' nominating contest sequence, has only been an early caucus state since 2008, and the process still remains relatively new to many residents.

By opting for a dial-in program, the systems can reach people in Iowa's and Nevada's vast rural stretches where broadband internet coverage may be spotty. Iowa since 2014 has offered a smaller-scale tele-caucus, allowing out-of-state members of the military and Iowans living abroad to call in to live neighborhood caucus meetings and participate over the phone.

"One, we are a rural state. And let's be honest, outside of Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada is a rural state. Everyone is connected by phone," Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Troy Price said.

The DNC's mandate has been a challenge for party operatives who sought to maintain security while also maintaining the spirit of the caucuses, which are chiefly local, party-building activities aimed at electing delegates to party conventions. Officials say by avoiding an internet-based program, they are reducing the risk of hacking, a key concern in an era of renewed concern about election tampering.

While Nevada Democrats said accessibility, not security, drove them to opt for a phone-in system, Iowa Democrats said they felt a lower-tech option was safer.

"With this system, it's easier than making sure thousands of computers across the state are not filled with malware and not being hacked," Price said.

Yet officials acknowledge that relying on phone systems does raise security concerns.

"Are they unhackable? Certainly not," said Jeremy

Epstein, a voting systems expert with ACM, the largest international association of computer science professionals. "None of these technologies are really bullet proof."

The state parties presented their plans late last month to the DNC's Rules and By-laws Committee.

Committee members applauded the work and gave conditional approval but asked for more information about the security and functionality of the systems. "We are working with every state party that is integrating these tools so they can make their voting process secure and successful. We look forward to working with Democrats in these states to address the committee's questions," DNC spokesman David Bergstein said in a statement.

Both state parties plan to require Democratic voters to register online in advance of their virtual caucus, verifying their identity with a "multi-factor authentication."

Voters will receive a PIN that they'll have to enter when they call in to participate.

Iowans who register on time will have six times to choose from to participate by phone, including the in-person caucus night, Feb. 3. Nevadans who register for the virtual caucus can participate on Feb. 16 or 17. Unlike Iowa, Nevada is also offering three days of in-person early caucusing to give people more options.

Wiltz said security experts with the DNC will be vetting the systems later this year to test for vulnerabilities to breaches or hacking.

"This isn't something that we're taking lightly. We understand our responsibility," Wiltz said. □



# AP-NORC Poll: Americans rarely seek guidance from clergy

By **JEFF KAROUB**  
**Associated Press**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Timothy Buchanan says he never consults clergy about important decisions, but it's not for lack of faith: He regularly attends a nondenominational Christian church near his home.

Buchanan, 41, is not alone. A large majority of Americans make important decisions without calling on religious leaders for advice, according to a new survey released Monday by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The poll finds three-quarters of American adults rarely or never consult a clergy member or religious leader, while only about a quarter do so at least some of the time.

"The church we go to is quite large, and we're relatively new there," said Buchanan, who lives with his wife in Bolivia, North Carolina. "We really haven't established a relationship with a minister there. Going to larger churches, it's nearly impossible now to get a relationship with a clergyman or woman."

The lack of personal connection with ministers even includes people who identify with a specific religious faith, though those who are most engaged with their faith are more likely to have relationships with clergy.

The poll finds about a third of Americans saying they attend church or other religious services at least twice a month; roughly a quarter never go. Among religious adults who attend services at least twice a month, about half say they sometimes or often consult with a religious leader. That compares with 16% of religious adults who attend services less often.

And while the poll finds a majority of Americans still identify with a specific faith, about half overall say they want religious leaders to have little influence in their lives. For his part, Buchanan feels a connection to faith — he grew up in a small church and has an uncle who is a Baptist minister — but he's still feeling his way

around where he worships. Besides the size, he feels some of his own reticence to reach out to a pastor

reer should I have? When should I make a will? How do I deal with a difficult child?

larly attends services and says religion has always been "very important to me."

of Americans saying they have no religion, up from 2% in 1955.

At the same time, more



In this Feb. 12, 2019 file photo, a banner hangs by a stained glass window in the sanctuary at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco.

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could be a reflection of the technology-focused times. "People don't know how to have personal communications with other folks when you need to ask questions or need to get help," he said. "For instance, we've got some issues with our health insurance plan, so I spent an hour today Googling ... instead of just picking up the phone and calling somebody."

Tim O'Malley, a theology professor at Notre Dame University, said he suspects that technological self-service is among the factors contributing to infrequent contact with clergy.

"In American life, there has ultimately been a broad rejection of 'experts' apart from the person searching for the answer on his or her own," O'Malley said in an email. "Think about the use of Google. You can literally Google anything. Should I have children? What ca-

"In this sense, there has been a democratization of information based on the seeking self," he added. "You can find the information more easily through a search engine than finding a member of a clergy."

There are some topics on which Americans are more likely to reach out to religious leaders, the poll finds. Nearly half say they're at least moderately likely to consult with a clergy member or religious leader about volunteering or charitable giving. About 4 in 10 say they're at least moderately likely to consult about marriage, divorce or relationships.

Jo King said she rarely consults with clergy members but would be moderately likely to talk to one of them about marriage, divorce or relationship issues. While she doesn't feel the need to regularly meet one-on-one with priests, she regu-

"I used to consult periodically with them ... when I was younger, but I rarely consult with anybody. I kind of live my life my way," said King, 72, a Catholic from Canal Winchester, Ohio. Experts say the clergy sex abuse crisis confronting the Roman Catholic Church also could be taking a toll on consultations between parishioners and priests. According to a recent Pew Research Center survey, about a quarter of U.S. Catholics said the crisis had led them to reduce their attendance at Mass and their donations to the church. Some bishops have acknowledged that many Catholics are distancing themselves from the church because of the furor.

Polling has shown a steep rise over several decades in the share of Americans identifying as unaffiliated with a religion. Gallup polls in 2018 showed 20%

Americans describe religion as unimportant in their lives, and church membership and service attendance have declined. Gallup polling shows about half of Americans said they attended religious services within the past week in the mid-1950s, while just about a third say they did now.

Weekly church attendance among Catholics specifically has been steadily declining, to roughly 40% from 75% in 1955, according to Gallup. O'Malley, who also serves as director of education for Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life, sees "a lack of trust in all sorts of institutions," including houses of worship. "Surely the church — the Catholic church in particular — has lost some moral authority in the last 25 years in the United States," he said. "But it is joined by schools, newspapers, the media in general, etc." □



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This undated file photo shows the Yellowstone Club near Big Sky, Mont.

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## More alcohol seized in connection to resort for ultra-rich

By **MATT VOLZ**  
Associated Press

**HELENA, Mont. (AP)** — Montana officials said Monday that they confiscated over 800 bottles and cans of alcohol in a raid just days after the Yellowstone Club signed a deal to settle charges of serving booze at unlicensed bars at the private ski resort for the ultra-rich. Officials believe the alcohol seized last month from a terminal that serves club members and others who fly into Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport on private jets belongs to a company owned by two Yellowstone Club executives, Department of Revenue spokesman Sanjay Talwani said. Yellowstone Club attorney Shane Reely didn't return a call seeking comment. The allegations are the same as those settled in a \$370,000 agreement signed on June 19 that involved the same company and three others licensed to sell alcohol at the exclusive resort that counts Microsoft's Bill Gates,

Google's Eric Schmidt and singer Justin Timberlake as members. A state investigation found that the club was serving alcohol in two bars that had applied for but not received a liquor license in December and January. The club's vice president and general manager, Hans Williamson, had the alcohol removed and stashed in vans when an inspector showed up, the state agency said. Revenue officials originally proposed revoking all of the posh resort's liquor licenses, but the settlement allowed alcohol to keep being served after the companies paid the fine, briefly suspended serving booze and removed Williamson from oversight and ownership of the liquor licenses. Revenue officials also approved a new liquor license for the two bars that had been operating illegally and returned over 9,000 bottles and cans of alcohol seized from the club's bars and warehouses earlier this year. □

## U.S. high court urged to take up texting suicide appeal

By **ALANNA DURKIN RICHER**  
Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — A woman who encouraged her suicidal boyfriend in a barrage of text messages to take his own life should have her involuntary manslaughter conviction thrown out because it violated her right to free speech, her lawyers told the nation's highest court on Monday. In urging the U.S. Supreme Court to hear her appeal, Michelle Carter's lawyers called her conviction in Conrad Roy III's death "unprecedented" and said her case raises crucial questions about whether "words alone" are enough to hold someone responsible for another person's suicide. "Michelle Carter did not cause Conrad Roy's tragic death and should not be held criminally responsible for his suicide," Daniel Marx, one of her lawyers, said in emailed statement. "This petition focuses on just two of the many flaws in the case against her that raise important federal constitutional issues for the U.S. Supreme Court to decide," he said. Carter was jailed in February after Massachusetts' highest court unanimously upheld her conviction in the death of the then-18-year-old Roy. Carter, now 22, is serving a 15-month sentence. The court agreed with a judge who found that Carter caused Roy's death when she told him in a phone call to get back in his truck as it was filling with carbon monoxide



In this Aug. 3, 2017 file photo Michelle Carter, center, listens to her sentencing for involuntary manslaughter for encouraging 18-year-old Conrad Roy III to kill himself in July of 2014.

Associated Press

and didn't call Roy's family or the police. The phone call wasn't recorded, but the judge focused on a text message Carter sent a friend two months later in which she said Roy had gotten out of the truck because he was scared and she told him to get back in. Carter's lawyers say that's not enough evidence to prove Carter did that. They also argue there is no evidence he would have lived if she had called for help or that Roy would have listened to her if she had told him to get out of the truck. Carter's lawyers said in their Supreme Court petition that the Massachusetts justices acknowledged that not everyone who verbally encourages someone to take their own life should be prosecuted but provided "no guidance to distinguish sympathetic cases of assisted suicide from culpable cases of unlaw-

ful killing." The Massachusetts high court "imagined a range of conduct from coerced suicide to dignified death, but it offered no clear, meaningful, and constitutional way to determine where a particular case may fall on that spectrum. The deciding factor is the prosecutor's gut," they wrote. Therefore, nothing "would prevent such aggressive prosecutions in all assisted or encouraged suicide cases," the lawyers wrote. Carter's case drew international attention in part because of the thousands of disturbing text messages between Conrad and Roy, whose relationship existed almost entirely over the phones. "You keep pushing it off and say you'll do it but u never do. It's always gonna be that way if u don't take action," Carter told Roy in one text message. □



# Greece creditors say no changes in bailout terms for new PM

By **DEREK GATOPOULOS**  
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**Associated Press**

**ATHENS, Greece (AP) —**

Greece's bailout creditors on Monday bluntly rejected calls from the country's new conservative government to ease draconian budget conditions agreed as part of its rescue program.

Conservative party leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis was sworn in as Greece's new prime minister Monday, a day after his resounding election victory on campaign pledges to cut taxes and negotiate new terms with international lenders.

Euro area finance ministers meeting hours later in Brussels said key targets already agreed with Athens would not be changed.

"Commitments are commitments, and if we break them, credibility is the first thing to fall apart. That brings about a lack of confidence and investment," Mario Centeno, the Eurogroup president, told reporters after the meeting.

Greece ended its third consecutive international bailout last summer — programs that rescued the country's euro membership and staved off bankruptcy but also deepened poverty and unemployment as successive governments



**Greek opposition New Democracy conservative party leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis centre, walks with his wife Mareva, right in Athens, Monday, July 8, 2019.**

in Athens were forced to make spending cuts in return for the rescue loans.

As part of those agreements, Greece has pledged to achieve government budget surpluses, before debt costs, of 3.5% of GDP for the coming years. That condition has shackled government spending and, critics say, stifled the country's recovery.

Klaus Regling, head of the euro area rescue fund and lead Greek bailout creditor, said the high surplus target would remain a key condition.

"It's very hard to see how debt sustainability can be achieved without it," he said. "The 3.5% surplus is a cornerstone of the program. It was a cornerstone of the program from the beginning."

Mitsotakis, whose late father, Constantine Mitsotakis, was a conservative prime minister in the early 1990s, has promised to make Greece more business-friendly by lowering taxes and cutting red tape. But his new government faces pressing financial challenges, including a national debt that exceeds

180% of GDP and banks saddled 45% of their loans unpaid or in trouble.

Analysts said Mitsotakis would be able to pursue growth-friendly policies despite the bailout constraints and financial challenges. In the election, Mitsotakis' center-right New Democracy party won 39.8% of the votes and 158 seats in the 300-member parliament, a comfortable majority.

"The people gave us a strong mandate to change Greece, and we will honor that commandment in full," Mitsotakis said after his swearing-in ceremony.

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"We will make the start today with hard work, with full confidence in our ability to respond to the circumstances."

Hundreds of conservative supporters braved the summer heat to greet him outside the prime minister's official residence, chanting: "There he is! There he is! The Prime Minister!"

He replaced Alexis Tsipras, whose left-wing Syriza party got 31.5% of the vote. Tsipras became the latest in a series of Greek political leaders to suffer election defeat after implementing tough policies prescribed by bailout creditors from the euro area and International Monetary Fund since 2010.

The extreme right Golden Dawn party, the third largest in parliament at the height of the financial crisis, failed to make the 3% vote threshold needed to get seats in parliament.

Mitsotakis' new Cabinet will rely heavily on experienced politicians who served in previous conservative governments. The finance minister will be Christos Staikouras, an engineer and economist who previously served as deputy minister. Nikos Dendias, the new foreign minister, held previous Cabinet posts at the ministries of public order, development, and defense. □

# Heather Mills gets UK phone hacking apology, payout

By **GREGORY KATZ**

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP) —** Heather Mills, the former wife of Paul McCartney, and her sister have received an apology and a settlement from Britain's defunct News of the World tabloid over the hacking of their phones.

Heather Mills and her sister Fiona Mills both received a formal apology in Britain's High Court on Monday. In a statement read outside the court, she said she felt "joy and vindication" at the settlement.

"My motivation to win this decade-long fight stemmed from a desire to obtain justice, not only for my family, my charities and



**Heather Mills speaks outside Rolls Building at the end of her legal phone-hacking claim against News Group Newspapers, in London, Monday July 8, 2019.**

myself, but for the thousands of innocent members of the public who, like

me, have suffered similar ignominious, criminal treatment at the hands of one

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of the world's most powerful media groups," she said. Mills is one of a number of celebrities who have received settlements in the prolonged phone hacking scandal, which closed the Rupert Murdoch-owned News of the World in 2011. The paper was found to have hacked into the voicemail of many prominent Britons in a gross violation of privacy.

A representative of the tabloid said it apologized to the Mills sisters for "the distress caused to them by the invasion of their privacy by individuals working for or on behalf of the News of the World."

The size of what was called

a "substantial settlement" hasn't been revealed.

The Mills' lawyer, David Sherborne, said the sisters had been subjected to "sustained and repeated invasions of privacy" by people working for the newspaper.

"The claimants believe that the publication of articles in the defendant's newspapers had a seriously corrosive effect on (their) relationships with their friends and family, some of which can never be repaired," he said.

Mills and McCartney divorced in 2008 after a prolonged court clash over the size of the settlement she would receive. □



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## Intl court convicts Congo rebel leader known as 'Terminator'

By **MIKE CORDER**

Associated Press

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands**

(AP) — The International Criminal Court on Monday convicted a notorious rebel commander known as "The Terminator" of 18 counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes including murder, rape and sexual slavery for his role in atrocities in a bloody ethnic conflict in a mineral-rich region of Congo in 2002-2003.

Bosco Ntaganda, who maintained his innocence during his trial, faces a maximum life sentence following his convictions at the global court. He showed no emotion as Presiding Judge Robert Fremr passed judgment. A separate hearing will be scheduled to determine his sentence. Ntaganda has 30 days to appeal. Ntaganda was first indicted in 2006 and became a symbol of impunity in Africa, even serving as a general in Congo's army before turning himself in in 2013 as his power base crumbled. Fremr said that Ntaganda was guilty as a direct perpetrator or a co-perpetrator of a string of crimes including murders, rapes of men and women, a massacre in a banana field behind a building called The Paradiso and of enlisting and using child soldiers.

"The bodies of those killed



**Congolese militia commander Bosco Ntaganda sits in the courtroom of the ICC (International Criminal Court) during his trial at the Hague in the Netherlands, Monday July 8, 2019.**

— men women and children and babies — were found in the banana field over the next days," Fremr said. "Some bodies were found naked, some had their hands tied up and some had their heads crushed. Several bodies were disemboweled or otherwise mutilated."

During his trial, Ntaganda testified for weeks in his own defense, saying he wanted to put the record straight about his reputation as a ruthless military leader.

He was the deputy chief of staff and commander of operations for rebel group

the Patriotic Forces for the Liberation of Congo. The force's leader, Thomas Lubanga, was convicted by the ICC in 2012 of using child soldiers. He is serving a 14-year prison sentence. Maria Elena Vignoli, international justice counsel with Human Rights Watch, welcomed Ntaganda's conviction. "The long-awaited judgment provides an important measure of justice for Bosco Ntaganda's victims and puts others responsible for grave crimes on notice," she said. "But renewed violence in eastern Congo highlights the

need to address the impunity for other abusive leaders."

"We welcome the decision of the ICC. We believe that the victims will be relieved," said Jean-Claude Katende, president of the African Association of Human Rights in Congo. "We want the sentence to be fixed proportionate to his crimes."

A representative of the Lendu community in Congo's Ituri province also hailed the conviction.

"We are very happy with this decision of the ICC," said Francois Dheda. "To

this day, we are traumatized by Ntaganda's acts of brutality. The mass graves of the victims are still visible, the whole villages burned at the time are still visible. In addition to this conviction we are looking for reparations."

Amnesty International also called for reparations.

"We can only hope that today's verdict provides some consolation to those affected by the grotesque crimes perpetrated by Ntaganda and paves the way for his victims and their families to finally obtain a measure of justice and reparations," said Joan Nyanyuki, Amnesty International's Director for East Africa.

Monday's convictions were a victory for ICC prosecutors after high profile defeats recently. In January, judges acquitted former Ivory Coast president Laurent Gbagbo and a former government minister of involvement in crimes following disputed 2010 elections. Last year, a former Congolese vice president, Jean-Pierre Bemba, was acquitted on appeal of crimes allegedly committed by his militia in neighboring Central African Republic. Set up in 2002, the court has convicted only four people of war crimes and five more for interfering with witnesses. □



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## UAE draws down troops in Yemen in 'strategic redeployment'

By AYA BATRAWY  
Associated Press

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—The United Arab Emirates has drawn down its troop levels in Yemen but remains a key member of the Saudi-led coalition at war with Iran-aligned rebels there, a senior Emirati official said Monday.

The official confirmed that UAE troop levels are down, describing it as a "strategic redeployment." The official declined to disclose how many soldiers have left Yemen and how many remain.

"Definitely, we do have troop levels that are down for reasons that are strategic in Hodeida and reasons that are tactical," the official said, referring to the Yemeni port city where a U.N.-brokered cease-fire is supposed to be in place.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss troop deployments for security reasons.



In this Sept. 14, 2015, file photo, Emirati soldiers stand guard out the rear gate of a Chinook military helicopter traveling from Saudi Arabia to Yemen.

Talking to journalists in Dubai, the official said it makes sense to redeploy away from Hodeida and by extension from the UAE's military base at Eritrea's post of Assab, which was a

staging ground for Emirati operations in Hodeida.

Any other redeployment in others parts of Yemen "will ebb and flow based on our own assessment of what the situation involves," the

Associated Press official said.

"Our commitment in Yemen remains. We are part of the coalition," the official said, adding that the drawdown was discussed extensively with the Saudis.

The Saudi-led coalition has been at war in Yemen since 2015 to support the country's internationally-backed government. Tens of thousands of people have been killed and the war has generated the world's worst humanitarian crisis, drawing sharp bipartisan criticism in Congress. When discussing the draw-down, the Emirati official also noted the escalating tensions between the U.S. and Iran in the Persian Gulf region, saying the UAE was not blind to "the overall geostrategic picture."

A number of American academics and analysts who met recently with Emirati military officials say that in addition to withdrawing a significant number of troops from Yemen, the Emiratis have also moved Patriot batteries and other defense systems from Yemen back to the UAE to boost security and readiness at home amid heightened tensions with Iran. □

## Albanian lawmakers launch investigation to oust president



Supporters of the Democratic Party-led opposition gather during a rally in Tirana, Monday, July 8, 2019.

Associated Press

By LLAZAR SEMINI  
Associated Press

**TIRANA, Albania (AP)**—Albania's opposition parties resumed anti-government protests Monday after their boycott of June 30 municipal elections, which were mostly won by the governing Socialists.

Opposition parties have organized protests since mid-February to air accusations that the Socialist government has links to organized crime and to demand new parliamentary elections. The party and government officials deny

the allegations. Supporters of the Democratic Party-led opposition gathered in front of Prime Minister Edi Rama's office Monday to again call for his resignation. The demonstration ended peacefully, and opposition leaders said they would continue the political fight.

All the earlier protests, except for one June 21, erupted in violence, with opposition supporters hurling firebombs at police and officers responding with tear gas and water cannon. In the elections last month,

the Socialists lost only in two of Albania's 61 municipalities, according to preliminary results. The mainly center-right opposition has refused to recognize the results. The Albanian parliament voted Monday to set up a special commission to investigate and possibly oust President Ilir Meta for his unsuccessful attempt to cancel the municipal elections. Socialist lawmakers said they think Meta's effort was unconstitutional. The nine-member special commission is expected to issue a report in three months. □



## SKorea's Moon calls for diplomatic solution to trade spat

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— South Korea's president said Monday the country is committed to finding a diplomatic solution to a bitter dispute over tightened Japanese control of exports of high-tech materials used by South Korean companies to produce semiconductors and displays.

In a meeting with senior aides, President Moon Jae-in called for Japan to withdraw what he described as a politically motivated measure and for "sincere" bilateral discussions on the issue. He said South Korea would be left no choice but to take countermeasures if the Japanese trade controls damage South Korean companies.

Last week, Japan removed South Korea from a list of nations with which it minimally restricts trade and ordered a more stringent approval process for shipments of photoresist and other key chemicals to South Korea. The move came amid deteriorating relations between the countries over issues related to Japan's brutal colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula before the end of World War II.



South Korean President Moon Jae-in, right, speaks during a meeting with senior aides at the presidential Blue House in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, July 8, 2019.

South Korea's Trade Ministry has said Seoul plans to file a complaint with the World Trade Organization over the "unjust" Japanese action. The South Korean government sees the Japanese move as retaliation for recent South Korean court rulings ordering Japanese corporations to compensate South Korean plaintiffs for forced labor during World War II.

"The recent trade curbs imposed by Japan have raised concern over disruption in production for our companies and the threat

it poses to global supply chains ... there's global concern over the move to limit mutually beneficial trade between civilian companies for political purposes," Moon said.

"A vicious cycle created by measures and countermeasures wouldn't be ideal for both countries. But if South Korean companies begin experiencing actual damages, our government would have no choice but to take a necessary response," he said, adding that he hopes things don't come to that.

Japan's export restrictions, which went into effect last Thursday, cover fluorinated polyimides, which are used in organic light-emitting diode (OLED) screens for TVs and smartphones, and photoresist and hydrogen fluoride, which are used for making semiconductors. Japanese officials insist the decision to end preferential treatment for such exports to South Korea resulted from a lack of trust that posed a risk to national security.

When asked about suspicions in Japan that South

Korea was allowing chemicals exported from Japan to flow to North Korea, Japanese Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasutoshi Nishimura said without providing details that there had been a case of inappropriate use.

An official in South Korea's presidential office denied the suspicions during a background briefing, saying that the country was properly implementing international sanctions against North Korea over its nuclear weapons program and that there was no evidence backing the Japanese claim.

The Japanese move to control exports triggered an angry response in South Korea, where many believe Japan still hasn't fully acknowledged responsibility for atrocities committed during its colonial occupation of Korea from 1910 to 1945.

Thousands of South Koreans have signed petitions posted by citizens on the presidential office's website that called for boycotts of Japanese products and travel to Japan. One petition demanded that South Korea boycott next year's Tokyo Summer Olympics. □

## Parts of southern India facing acute water shortage

By ASHOK SHARMA

Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP)

— With the government able to meet only 40% of the water requirement, millions of people in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu are depending on water tank trucks because of an acute shortage caused by drying lakes and depleted groundwater.

Sekhar Raghvan, a water expert, said Monday that taps were running dry, but that meteorologists expect rain in the state this week and people are pinning their hopes on that. It rained for a while in the state two weeks ago, but not enough to replenish water bodies.

Gauri Shankar, a hotel general manager, said he was running his hotel in Chen-

nai, the state capital, by hiring two tank trucks to bring water every day at a cost of 4,000 rupees (\$57) each. "There has been no improvement in the situation in the past month," Shankar said, adding that some companies have asked employees to work from home, and that some restaurants are closing early. Apart from people hiring private water tank trucks, the state government has deployed 900 water trucks in Chennai to distribute water free to the poorest, Raghvan said. Those who can afford it can also buy water from the tankers. Television images showed people lining up for water cans in Chennai and other cities and towns in the state.

"I take a bath once every

two days," a resident told the New Delhi Television news channel without giving his name.

The state government says the drought followed a 62% shortfall in monsoon rains last year compared to 2017. "The situation is very critical in the state, and without rain it's not going to improve," said Raghvan, director of the Rain Centre, a private institute promoting water harvesting and sanitation in India.

This year's June-September monsoon arrived in the southern state of Kerala a week late and slowly started moving to other parts of country. India is facing a more than 21% shortfall in monsoon rains across the country because of its late arrival, according to the India Meteorological



In this June 19, 2019, file photo, Indians stand in queues to fill vessels filled with drinking water from a water tanker in Chennai, capital of the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Associated Press

Department. Chennai is India's sixth-largest city, with a population of around 10 million. It is a major destination for medical tourism, and Tamil Nadu state is a car manufacturing hub. Chennai gets about 80-

85% of its water during the monsoon season. It gets some rain during the southwest June-September monsoon, but it benefits mainly from the northeast monsoon from October to December. □



# Mexican president gets little backlash for migrant crackdown

By **MARK STEVENSON**

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexican police, soldiers and National Guard are raiding hotels, buses and trains to round up migrants, creating scenes of weeping Central American mothers piled into police vans along with their children and overflowing detention centers with deplorable conditions.

Such scenes have caused an outcry in the United States, but in Mexico there has been little backlash against the government of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador even though his country has historically had a deep sympathy for the plight of migrants.

This sympathy has been eroded by the migrant caravans of late 2018 and early 2019, which left a bad taste in the mouth of Mexicans and caused deep divisions among pro-migrant groups. López Obrador's reputation as a popular leftist has also muted the response to the crackdown. Add to this the disruption caused by migrants in Mexican border cities and threats of border closures or tariffs from U.S. President Donald Trump, and it has all led many Mexicans to see the waves of migrants as a problem.

Polls say López Obrador's approval rating has held steady at 66% to 72% despite the crackdown and reports of brutal conditions at the huge Siglo XXI migrant holding facility on Mexico's southern border and other centers.

When the first caravan got a warm welcome in October, Mexicans were almost evenly split on whether Mexico should stop migrants from other countries from entering without proper documents, according to an El Universal survey which polled 1,000 people June 3-7 with a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

Eight months later, 61.5% supported stopping them and only 33% opposed it, according to the same poll. Even more dramatic was the reversal on giving

migrants asylum in Mexico. In October, nearly 48% favored it, while 38% opposed. By June that had flipped, with 57% opposed and 37% favoring.

Even for Mexicans who don't think Central Ameri-

care of their own people." Some have criticized the crackdown. The head of Mexico's National Immigration Institute, Toniah Guillén, resigned when the crackdown was announced in June to head

spoken defenders of migrants are defending López Obrador's crackdown on the porous southern border, where migrants from across the world simply wade or ride rafts across rivers marking the border.

Solalinde said. Irineo Mujica, whose Pueblo Sin Fronteras group helped lead those caravans, now acknowledges the caravans were "used for political purposes" — Trump cited them frequently during the 2018 midterm elections — and says they shouldn't happen again.

But Mujica, who was briefly arrested at the start of López Obrador's crackdown, thinks there was a campaign in the press and on the internet to smear the migrants.

"This was the contribution of the news media," Mujica said. "For example, when they said the Central Americans are forcing their way in, when in fact they had opened the door to them. Saying they had burned the Mexican flag, or they left garbage behind, or depicting them as ungrateful." The activist thinks that in the long run, the crackdown will force migrants into more dangerous routes, and eventually become a political embarrassment for López Obrador.

"This won't be a definitive political cost for his administration, but it will continue to damage him," Mujica said. "This situation is going to continue to get worse, and that will mean more kidnappings, more human rights violations, more extortions. This will mean more deaths of migrants ... this is definitely a blow to the credibility he had."

López Obrador himself has acknowledged that one of his biggest fears is a massacre of migrants like the one in which a drug cartel killed 72 mainly Central American migrants in 2010 in San Fernando, a town in the northern border state of Tamaulipas.

Still, most Mexicans have been willing to overlook the mistakes of the new administration, which took office Dec. 1.

"The president has called for reaching a balance between national security and human security, that is, human rights," said Solalinde. "I think we are going to find a way to strike the balance." □



**Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador delivers his speech during rally to celebrate the one-year anniversary of his election, in Mexico City's main square, the Zocalo, Monday, July 1, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

cans take jobs from Mexicans or cause increased crime — accusations routinely heard, especially in southern Mexico — there is a sense that too many migrants have come.

"The truth is that it is a problem for everyone. It's better that they be sent back to their countries," said Jorge Parada Leon, a Mexico City message delivery worker. "Crossing Mexico the way they do is dangerous, a lot of them have died ... they should fix the problems they have in their home countries."

Many Mexicans are also angered by the idea that Mexico would contribute money for development aid in Central America.

López Obrador "should focus on the people instead of being compassionate with the migrants who come from other countries," said Argelia Miranda Vazquez, a government employee. "He should support the (Mexican) people. And the others? Well, let their governments take

off Trump's threat of tariffs on Mexican products. Porfirio Munoz Ledo, the congressional leader of López Obrador's Morena party, said that "it is morally unacceptable that on one hand we demand they (the U.S.) open the doors for us, but we close them in the faces of Central Americans, in order to do the United States' dirty work."

López Obrador acknowledges the crackdown was implemented to avoid U.S. tariffs on Mexican imports threatened by Trump in late May.

"A few days ago we were able to overcome a possible economic and political crisis, by means of an immigration agreement that requires us to be stricter in enforcing immigration laws," he said. "We have established a relationship of respect and friendship with the people and government of the United States and this has allowed us to avoid confrontation that wouldn't benefit anyone."

Even some of the most out-

Rev. Alejandro Solalinde, who runs a shelter for migrants in the southern Mexico and has fiercely criticized past administrations, said that "someone had to impose order on the border ... everyone was crossing there without the slightest problem."

Solalinde, who is close to López Obrador, added: "Let's be clear about this. This isn't what Andrés Manuel's administration wanted; it is what it was able to do" in the face of Trump's threats.

Solalinde blamed a series of four or five immigrant caravans that brought thousands of migrants in 2018 and early 2019 that overwhelmed border cities and wore out an initially warm welcome.

"They were irresponsible in bringing migrants to the northern border and exposing them to risks in such a brutal way. They herded the migrants up to the border and caused a big international problem between the two countries,"



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## Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort delivers encore performance for National Energy Globe Award



**EAGLE BEACH — For the second straight year, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort has earned the distinction of being the National Energy Globe winner of Aruba. The Eagle Beach resort is recognized for being the first hotel in the Caribbean to achieve carbon neutrality.**

The Energy Globe Foundation is located in Austria. Founded in 1999 by the Austrian energy pi-

oneer Wolfgang Neumann, the Energy Globe Awards are one of today's most prestigious environmental accolades. This year, 187 countries submitted more than 2000 projects for consideration, far outpacing the annual average of 800 projects in years past.

In 2018, Bucuti & Tara won the National Energy Globe Award for Aruba. Since award submissions are submitted the year prior, the



resort was on the cusp of becoming carbon neutral. A brief synopsis on the Energy Globe website shares a glimpse of the heavily documented achievement of finally reaching carbon neutrality.

As the National Energy Globe Award recipient, Bucuti & Tara is now a contender for the World Energy Globe Award set to be announced later this year.

"We express our warmest congratulations to you

and are looking forward to more projects in such a high quality that help our earth to remain livable," shared Wolfgang Neumann, founder of the Energy Globe Foundation.

In the spirit of sharing key learnings and sustainability best practices, Ewald Biemans, owner/CEO of Bucuti & Tara has been busy presenting with audiences on-island and internationally. From June 23-26, Biemans was asked to be an expert

speaker at the Sustainable & Social Tourism Summit in Mexico. The event brings together world leaders in the tourism sector, tourism entrepreneurs, officials from the Mexican and World Tourism Secretariats, sustainability directors of industry companies, researchers, social entrepreneurs and digital influencers, to discuss and share experiences to address current and future tourism challenges. □







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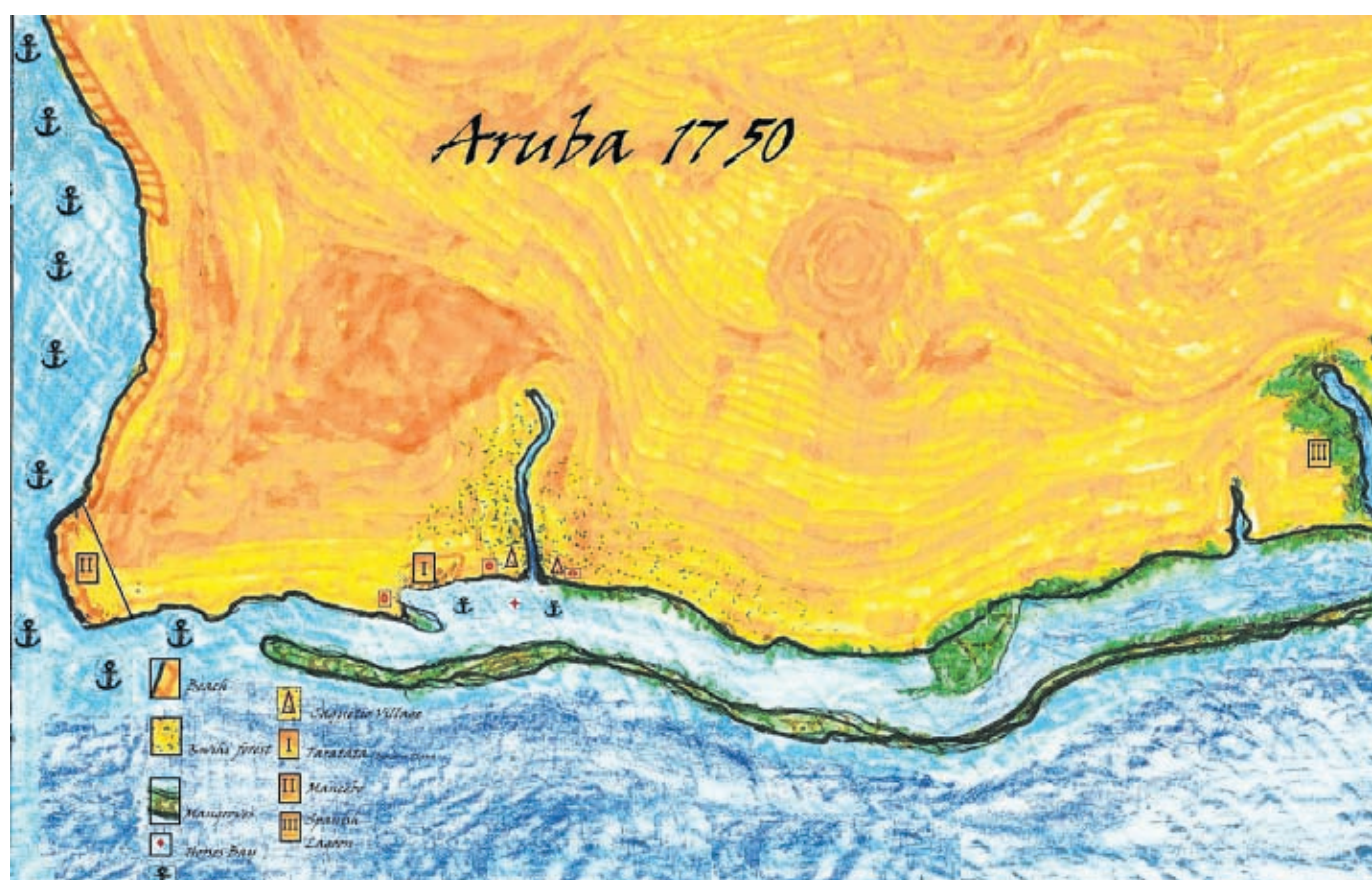
Entering the eighteenth century there lived, no others whites, reformed europeans on Aruba than the commander with his family and some other people in the service of the West Indian Company. In the latter part a few licences where granted. Trade with Spanish America is increasing. As a result of this Horses Bay; which from a nautical and strategical point of view offered more favorable conditions compare to Commanders' Harbour in Savaneta, eclipsed the latter as a discharging-berth for cattle. Some merchants of jewish descent come hailing from Curacao, chose their residences in its vicinity, i.e. on higher ground, in direction of Ponton. No european has yet settled on the bay proper, we can only find an Amerindian village occupying both sides of a small sea inlet. The first dwelling-houses are not built there before 1796 or 1797 when the first WIC battery has been constructed at the entrance in to the bay.

ers' Bay to Ponton. However, Jan van der Biest Junior, who was commander from 1772 to 1782, was buried at Ponton, where his grave- its nameplate was unfortunately covered by masonry when it was injudiciously repaired- is still to be seen, though at the moment it can no longer be identified. The graveyard itself, both with-in and without the walls, preserves a memory of what once was a residence of Aruba's Protestant notabilities. On 13 June 1782 a third Van der Biest, Harmen, brother to Jan Junior, succeeds. He remains commander till 1791, when, at his own request, he is dismissed, as Hamelberg says "on the grounds of old age". According to Dr.Krafft, however, he cannot have been older than about 66.

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As early as 1762 The Directors of the West India Company had entertained a plan to construct a battery al Horses' Bay for the protection of the ships in it from privateers. The high cost of providing this first more West situated fort with its batteries and supplies stalled the operations activities for time to time. In the meantime trade activities round Horses' Bay continued to pick up and as a result the commander in the last quarter of the eighteenth century shifted his residence to the height close to Horses' Bay, the place where the principal dwelling-centre of this period was situated, namely coming from the town- to the left of present day Ponton.

This location offered the additional advantage of an unimpeded view southward across the bay and what is today, Punta Brabo, whereas to the north it facilitated the commander's supervision of the dwelling-place of the Amerindians of Noord and vicinity. It is no longer possible to ascertain when exactly the commander's residence was shifted from command-



Pic. 1 map of Horses Bay



Pic. 2. On this picture we people working the salt lakes of playa and still can see of the bulding, once stood as the Western fortification.

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Then Jacobus Pellicorne Porrier is in office for a year, and on 24 September 1792 Borchard Specht arrives. The Rev. Bosch says that he was born of a Utrecht family and married to the commander's daughter Catharina Raders Poppe.

An historian who visited Aruba about 1825, relates that in his time he was still able to inspect the remnants of the commander's house at Ponton. The masoned socket in which the flagpole had stood was intact yet. No prominent persons were living there any more, but there were still dwellings in the vicinity, where goats and sometimes also cows were kept. From this point one could clearly distinguish the coastal silhouette of the isthmus of Paraguaná and its hill St. Ann the other side of the strait separating Aruba from the continent. □



Pic. 4. A naval free booters battle for supremacy

Pic. 5. In the center the Commandeurs house at the hill Ponton.





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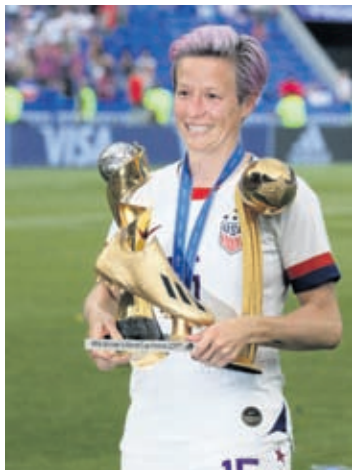
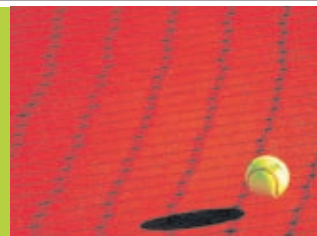
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# SPORTS



United States' Megan Rapinoe, poses with trophies as she celebrates victory in the Women's World Cup final soccer match between US and The Netherlands at the Stade de Lyon in Decines, outside Lyon, France, Sunday, July 7, 2019.

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## Rapinoe fuses politics, pay and tech with World Cup win

By ROB HARRIS

AP Global Soccer Writer

LYON, France (AP) — A

Women's World Cup stirred by heated debates on politics, pay and technology saw the narratives fused in Sunday's final by the undisputed and outspoken star of the tournament: Megan Rapinoe. By opening the scoring with a penalty awarded after a video review, Rapinoe claimed a sixth goal and — thanks to three assists and playing fewer minutes — finished as the Golden Boot winner of the most-watched FIFA women's tournament.

Winning the top player prize provided the pink-haired captain renowned for her individuality and activism with a platform for both after the Americans completed their title defense with a 2-0 victory over the Netherlands.

The forward got to collect her scoring trophy before the main prize was handed out in Lyon, and revel in the adulation.

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# WIMBLE- DONE!

## Halep ends Gauff's dream, while Serena wins again

United States' Cori "Coco" Gauff points her finger during a women's singles match against Romania's Simona Halep on day seven of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Monday, July 8, 2019.

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# Coco Gauff's captivating Wimbledon ends against former No. 1



Romania's Simona Halep shakes hands with United States' Cori "Coco" Gauff after defeating her in a women's singles match against on day seven of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Monday, July 8, 2019.

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

**AP Tennis Writer**

**WIMBLEDON, England (AP)**

— Out of escapes, out of surprises, Coco Gauff knew her captivating Wimbledon ride at age 15 was nearing its conclusion.

The thousands of spectators at Court No. 1 on Monday realized it, too, so they made sure to show their appreciation for the youngest qualifier at the All England Club in the professional era and youngest Week 2 participant since 1991.

Fans, most of whom probably hadn't heard of Gauff until last week, rose and roared as she fended off the initial two match points she faced against 2018 French Open champion Simona Halep. It was reminiscent of the way the Gauff began a comeback victory in her previous match. This time, though, Gauff could not come through, beaten by the older, more experienced Halep 6-3, 6-3. "It was really surprising,

because you don't really expect this kind of support when you're in another country, not your home country. I really did feel like I was probably playing in New York. I'm just really happy that people believe in me," said Gauff, who beat Venus Williams in the first round for quite a Grand Slam tournament debut.

"I wasn't feeling my best, I wasn't playing my best," Gauff said as she wiped away tears at her news conference, where she noted she wasn't sure why she needed a visit from a doctor in the second set, "but they were still supporting me, no matter what." While Gauff couldn't get past former No. 1 Halep, another American, 55th-ranked Alison Riske, stopped the 15-match winning streak of the current No. 1, Ash Barty, eliminating her 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

"Right now, Ash is playing well," Riske said. "I believe that I am, as well."

That's certainly true.

She improved to 14-1 on grass courts this season and reached the first major quarterfinal of her career in 30 appearances.

It'll come against yet another player who has topped the WTA rankings, Serena Williams, who will be participating in her 14th quarterfinal at Wimbledon alone.

Barty began perfectly, winning the first game of the match this way: 112 mph ace, 102 mph ace, 110 mph ace, 108 mph ace. She hit another pair of aces in her next service game and finished with 12. But Riske simply played so cleanly, delivering twice as many winners as unforced errors, 30-15, and won her fourth consecutive three-setter in the tournament.

"There aren't many holes in her game, full-stop," said Barty, who followed up her first Grand Slam championship at Roland Garros last month by grabbing a

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title at a grass-court tuneup tournament.

"Today wasn't my day. I didn't win a tennis match; it's not the end of the world," she said. "It's disappointing right now. Give me an hour or so, we'll be all good. The sun's still going to come up tomorrow." Tuesday's other quarterfinal on the top half of the women's draw will be No. 19 Johanna Konta of Britain against Barbora Strycova of the Czech Republic. On the bottom half, it'll be No. 8 Elina Svitolina of Ukraine against Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic, and Halep against Zhang Shuai of China.

The men's quarterfinals Wednesday are No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. No. 21 David Goffin, No. 2 Roger Federer vs. No. 8 Kei Nishikori, No. 3 Rafael Nadal against 65th-ranked Sam Querrey, and No. 23 Roberto Bautista Agut against No. 26 Guido Pella.

Djokovic, Federer and Nad-

al all won in straight sets and are all in the quarters of a major tournament for the 24th time; one member of the Big Three won the title at 20 of those.

Querrey hit 25 aces and saved all four break points he faced to get past Tennys Sandgren 6-4, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5) in the first all-American men's Week 2 matchup at Wimbledon in 19 years. Pella erased a two-set deficit to edge 2016 runner-up Milos Raonic 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 8-6.

Halep is the highest-seeded woman remaining, after Barty was joined on the way out Monday by No. 3 Karolina Pliskova, who twice served for the victory in a 4-6, 7-5, 13-11 loss to Muchova, and No. 6 Petra Kvitova, a two-time champion eliminated by Konta 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

For Gauff, this was her seventh match in short order — three in qualifying, four in the main draw — and while she insisted she wasn't fatigued, she looked it.

Still, with serves reaching 119 mph, a dynamic backhand that landed near lines and aggressive volleying, Gauff made an impression on anyone who watched her.

Not to mention anyone who played her.

"It's a great performance. I think if she keeps going, she will be (in the) top 10 soon," Halep said. "She will be a very tough opponent for everybody. If she keeps doing what she did here, she's going to get a lot of confidence and she can win big tournaments soon."

Now the trick will be to manage those sorts of expectations.

Gauff is, after all, too young to drive a car. She is taking high school courses. Instead of hanging out at a mall or going to see a movie with friends or working as a camp counselor Monday, there she was at Wimbledon at 1 p.m., standing in the tunnel that leads to the court with her father, Corey.

He draped his arm around her shoulders, then parted ways by giving his daughter a peck on the cheek. □



## Who's on second? All-Star Game set to trot out free runners

By **BEN WALKER**  
AP Baseball Writer

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — We've seen Reggie hit the light tower, Pete Rose crush a catcher to score the winning run and a tribute to Ted Williams that sent shivers through Fenway Park. But come the All-Star Game on Tuesday night, baseball fans might witness something they've never seen before.

Automatic runners.

Already employed in the minors, the World Baseball Classic and Olympic softball, a new rule will take effect in front of a major league audience: Every extra inning in All-Star play — top half and bottom — begins with a free runner at second base.

"They're doing that? Really?" Houston reliever Ryan Pressly asked Monday. "I did not know that."

The crowd at Progressive Field got a glimpse of the future, maybe, on Sunday night when the Futures Game tried the rule for an inning. No one scored, and the showcase for young talent wound up in a tie.

Jeff McNeil, the top hitter in the majors this year, saw the scenario a lot last season in Triple-A. There, the

goal is to shorten games and save wear and tear on pitching staffs.

"Kind of weird," McNeil observed.

Still, it could be real timely. The last two All-Star Games both went extras — Robinson Cano hit a leadoff homer in the 10th at Miami in 2017, Alex Bregman did the same last year in Washington.

Plus, there was the 15-inning affair at Yankee Stadium in 2008 and the dreaded 2002 game in Milwaukee that was declared a very unpopular tie after the 11th.

Naturally, in a sport where change comes slowly, not everyone is thrilled with this experiment. To many, instant intentional walks, constant shifts and talk about robot umpires has skewed the game enough.

If it's any consolation, commissioner Rob Manfred says there are no foreseeable plans to put free runners on base in the regular season. "I know how people are against it, especially players in the game. Yeah, the tradition is big in this sport, just like a lot of top-tier sports," Baltimore pitcher John Means said.

AL manager Alex Cora of



Philadelphia Phillies catcher J.T. Realmuto, left, tags out New York Mets' Jeff McNeil at home plate on a ball hit by Pete Alonso during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, June 25, 2019, in Philadelphia. Alonso was safe at first on the play.

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the Red Sox had a mixed view. NL manager Dave Roberts of the Dodgers was firm. "I'd rather not see it in play tomorrow. I'd rather see nine innings of baseball. And going forward ... I don't know, probably the wrong thing to say, but I kind of like it the way it is right now," he said.

Some teams actually tried this out during spring training, starting with ties in the ninth. San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy was the first to give it a go — mass confusion ensued, mostly because he forgot to tell his players what was happening.

Oakland right-hander Liam Hendriks realizes he could be on the spot Tuesday

night.

"It's not an ideal scenario for a reliever because we're the ones that get stuck with it," he said. "You're coming into a situation already with the guy on base in a tie game, there's so many possibilities that can happen."

"For the All-Star Game, I understand it. And now with home-field advantage not being decided by it, I don't think it's the worst thing in the world," he said.

Olympic star pitcher Jennie Finch felt the pressure of the runner-on-second tie-breaker.

"It changes everything," she said during the All-Star festivities. "Normally, in softball, there's a bunt to get

the runner over in that situation. It will be interesting to see in baseball if the same strategy is used."

The automatic runner will be the player who made the last out of the previous inning. But in a caveat, players who have left the All-Star Game can re-enter to run.

For official scoring purposes, if a freebie scores, it will count as an unearned run. As for strategy, what to do with that runner?

"There's a lot of different ways you can play it, too. I mean, you can either bunt him over or swing to get him over, or you can try to hit. You've got to play for more than one run there," McNeil said. □

## Sharks re-sign Kevin Labanc to 1-year, \$1 million deal

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**  
AP Hockey Writer

After losing a lot of talent in free agency, the San Jose Sharks locked up a young player who should be crucial to their success next season.

San Jose on Monday re-signed 23-year-old forward Kevin Labanc to a one-year, \$1 million contract. With Joe Pavelski, Joonas Donskoi and Gustav Nyquist gone, the Sharks are counting on Labanc continuing his career progression and taking advantage of a bigger role.

"We know that his best hockey's ahead of him,"

general manager Doug Wilson said. "We think it's an important contract for us but also a great opportunity for a guy that we know his game is just going to grow and become a part of the core of our team."

Labanc set career highs with 17 goals including four game-winners, 39 assists and 56 points last season and helped the Sharks reach the Western Conference final. His most memorable moments came in Game 7 of the first round when he had three assists and the go-ahead goal on the power play in the third

period that propelled the Sharks to knock off Vegas. He became the first player in NHL history to record four points in a single period in a Game 7 of a playoff series. "I'd be lying if I said I didn't watch the highlights from that game a couple times," Labanc said.

Labanc developed his all-around game during his third NHL season and showed he could produce with talented linemates. He thrived with Joe Thornton and Marcus Sorensen but could see time with the likes of Timo Meier, Tomas Hertl and Logan Couture in 2019-20. □



In this May 15, 2019, file photo, San Jose Sharks' Kevin Labanc (62) moves the puck against St. Louis Blues during the third period in Game 3 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Western Conference final series in St. Louis.

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## Durant officially joins Nets, Russell to Warriors

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — The deal bringing Kevin Durant to Brooklyn is official, and he's changing his number along with his address.

The Nets completed a sign-and-trade with the Golden State Warriors on Sunday night, with Brooklyn landing Durant and a protected first-round pick in next year's draft for D'Angelo Russell, Shabazz Napier and Treveon Graham.

Durant said last week he would sign a max deal with Brooklyn, which would be \$141 million over four years, after three seasons with the Warriors. The rest of the deal was worked out over subsequent days, and the NBA signed off on the terms Sunday.

"Along with the rest of the league, our coaching staff has long admired Kevin's incredible skill, resilience and tenacity," Nets coach Kenny Atkinson said. "He



**In this June 10, 2019, file photo, Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) reacts as he leaves the court after sustaining an injury during first-half basketball action against the Toronto Raptors in Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Toronto.**

has already established himself as a champion and one of the best players of all-time, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome him into our program in Brooklyn."

Durant isn't expected to play at all next season while he recovers from an Achilles injury. When he does return to join a new-look Nets team that added

Kyrie Irving as well this summer and officially signed him Sunday, he'll wear No. 7 — after playing in No. 35 throughout his career.

Durant released a statement saying he wore 35 to honor someone "very near and dear" to him.

"But as I start this new chapter in my basketball life, the number I'll be wearing on my back is the Number 7

next time you see me on the floor," Durant said.

Durant is a perennial All-Star and two-time NBA champion after winning Finals MVP honors with the Warriors in 2017 and 2018. He's a four-time scoring champion and his 22,940 points ranks third among active players. He missed most of this past season's playoffs, first with a calf injury and then the Achilles rupture during the NBA Finals — a series Golden State lost to Toronto in six games.

"We're thankful to Kevin for the incredible things he did for our team and franchise during his three years with the Warriors," Golden State general manager Bob Myers said.

Russell got a \$117 million, four-year contract from the Warriors.

He was an All-Star for the first time last season, averaging 21.1 points, 3.9 rebounds, 7.0 assists and 1.2 steals per game.

Another big free-agent deal got done Sunday when Utah completed the signing of forward Bojan Bogdanovic to a four-year, \$73 million contract.

"We are very pleased to welcome Bojan and his family to our organization," Jazz executive vice president of basketball operations Dennis Lindsey said. "His ability to play both ends of the floor in addition to his exceptional shooting will make him an integral contributor to our franchise and our postseason goals." Former NBA MVP Derrick Rose also completed his signing with Detroit on Sunday, wrapping up a \$15 million, two-year deal.

Many other agreed-upon deals remain pending, such as Kawhi Leonard's signing with the Los Angeles Clippers and the blockbuster trade that will see Paul George join him via a trade with the Oklahoma City Thunder. □



## AL's Verlander, NL's Ryu starting pitchers in All-Star Game

By **RONALD BLUM**  
AP Baseball Writer

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Sitting next to Justin Verlander, American League manager Alex Cora cheekily declared “we’ve got the opener” as he described his pitching plans. Touché!

Houston’s ace has been among the players most critical of some teams’ practice of using relief pitchers as ersatz starters for an inning or two.

Verlander will be making his second All-Star start on Tuesday night. Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts selected Hyun-Jin Ryu from his own staff to make his first start for the National League.

A 36-year-old right-hander, Verlander is 10-4 with a 2.98 ERA this year for the Houston Astros, striking out 153 in 126 2/3 innings.

He allowed five runs in the first inning during the 2012 All-Star Game at Kansas City, including the first bases-loaded triple in All-Star history, to Pablo Sandoval.

“I kind of halfway blame it on Prince Fielder,” Verlander said. “He was at first base, and he kept whispering at me, ‘Ver, Ver, Ver, throw 100.’ OK, Prince, here we go. So that was back then.” Verlander, then with Detroit, threw five pitches clocked at 100 mph and another at 101 during a

35-pitch inning.

“I don’t quite throw 100 anymore. Maybe I’ll try tomorrow,” he said. “The goal is to get guys out. That’s it.” All-Star starters were openers before the term was coined. No starter has pitched more than two innings since Greg Maddux threw three in 1994, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

“This game has 120-plus years of history, and I think we’re riding this little wave of things that are a little different right now,” he said. “But I think it will come back around.”

Verlander also is not a fan of the dominance of power and strikeouts — even though he has 2,859.

“The game goes in cycles. I think at a certain point I think analytics will catch up to things where it’s hard right now,” he said. “I think the ability to put the ball in play will come back in a big way and probably in the not-too-distant future.”

Ryu, a 32-year-old left-hander from South Korea, is 10-2 with a major league-leading 1.73 ERA for the NL champion Dodgers. He is the second Asian All-Star starter after Dodgers rookie Hideo Nomo of Japan in 1995.

“When I signed with the Dodgers, all I wanted was to get a chance to compete with the best in Ma-

jor League Baseball,” Ryu said through a translator. “I wasn’t necessarily thinking about pitching in an All-Star Game. But like I said before, this is all surreal to me.” Roberts envisions the Dodgers’ Clayton Kershaw following Ryu and then the New York Mets’ Jacob deGrom. Cora plans to have the Yankees’ Masahiro Tanaka pitch second and then decided to go backward: New York’s Aroldis Chapman would pitch the ninth if the AL is ahead, Cleveland’s Brad Hand the eighth and Houston’s Ryan Pressly the seventh.

“We’ve got the opener. We’ve got the close, and the setup guys,” Cora said. “It should be fun.”

Houston’s George Springer leads off and plays right field for the AL. He is followed in the batting order by New York Yankees second baseman DJ LeMahieu, Los Angeles Angels center fielder Mike Trout, Cleveland first baseman Carlos Santana, Boston designated hitter J.D. Martinez, Houston third baseman Alex Bregman, Yankees catcher Gary Sánchez, Astros left fielder Michael Brantley and Minnesota shortstop Jorge Polanco.

Milwaukee’s Christian Yelich tops the NL order and plays left field. Chicago Cubs shortstop Javier Báez hits second, followed



**Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu, of South Korea, above, throws during the first inning of the team's baseball game against the San Diego Padres on Thursday, July 4, 2019, in Los Angeles; and Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander, below, throws against the Los Angeles Angels during the first inning of a baseball game Friday, July 5, 2019, in Houston.**

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by Atlanta first baseman Freddie Freeman, Los Angeles Dodgers right fielder Cody Bellinger, Colorado third baseman Nolan Arenado, Pittsburgh’s Josh Bell at designated hitter, Cubs catcher Willson Contreras, Arizona second baseman Ketel Marte and Atlanta center fielder Ronald Acuña Jr. Cora joked about LeMa-

hieu’s success against the Red Sox in his first season after leaving the Rockies for New York — especially when Boston played the Yankees in London last month.

“People in the offseason thought that he wasn’t going to be able to hit outside of Colorado. Well, he hits outside of Colorado and in Europe, too,” Cora said. □

## Breeders’ Cup to add to safety measures at Santa Anita

By **BETH HARRIS**  
AP Racing Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The Breeders’ Cup will increase the number of veterinarians on site during its world championships this fall at Santa Anita, where 30 horses died during the racing meet that recently concluded.

That’s according to Craig Fravel, president and chief executive of the Breeders’ Cup, who said reaction to the board of directors’ decision to keep the two-day event at the historic Southern California track has been “very supportive.”

“People had every opportunity to know what the



**In this June 23, 2019 file photo Eddie Haskell, right, with jockey Kent Desormeaux aboard, win the third race during the last day of the winter/spring meet at the Santa Anita Park race track in Arcadia, Calif.**

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facts are before they decided,” he said by phone Monday while driving from

San Diego to Los Angeles. “The fact that it was a unanimous vote is reflec-

tive of the sentiment in the room.” Santa Anita will host for a record 10th time on Nov. 1-2.

Besides the 14 vets on-site during Breeders’ Cup week, there will be 20 on hand during the two days of racing, Fravel said.

“Every horse gets examined two times, probably more,” he said. “We have the strictest medication rules. We’ll be looking at horses throughout the summer and fall before we get to the Breeders’ Cup. We certainly don’t mind people asking those questions.” The event will be run under the house rules adopted by track owner The Stronach

Group to improve safety. Those include a reduction in the use of race-day Lasix, an anti-bleeding medication. Fravel said there wasn’t one factor that swayed the Breeders’ Cup board to keep the event at Santa Anita.

“We’ve been following the situation since it began to evolve in January, February, March,” he said. “It was a combination of things: medication reforms, track surface improvements and changes in management.” Belinda Stronach, president and chief executive of TSG, addressed the board at last month’s meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. □





France's Julian Alaphilippe rides to the finish line to win the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 215 kilometers (133.6 miles) with start in Binche and finish in Epernay, Monday, July 8, 2019.

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## Cool in Champagne: Alaphilippe wins sparkling Tour Stage 3

By **JOHN LEICESTER**  
AP Sports Writer

**EPERNAY, France (AP)** —

He was sweating, baked by the sun, and burning through his energy reserves. But, under the intense pressure of being pursued by the chasing pack of riders at the Tour de France, Julian Alaphilippe also stayed as cool as a chilled glass of Champagne.

The French rider's sparkling and poised Stage 3 ride on Monday into Epernay, the Champagne town that exports bubbly worldwide, delivered a first victory for France at this Tour and the country's first yellow jersey since 2014 when Tony Gallopin held the race lead for one day. The manner of Alaphilippe's win — surprising other pretenders for the stage victory with a devastating burst of speed on a sharp climb and then gritting his teeth as he rode solo to the finish — oozed what the French call "panache," or pure class. He'd long targeted the stage, with its final section of sharp hills among the Champagne vineyards, as suiting his explosive strengths, and executed his plan to perfection. Cheered on by thick roadside crowds, Alaphilippe delivered the decisive blow on the Cote de Mutigny, the steepest

of four notable hill climbs heading toward Epernay.

"I did exactly what I'd planned to do," he said. "When it works, you have to savor it."

Jumping out of the saddle to hammer on his pedals up the final part of the 12% incline, Alaphilippe caught other riders cold.

"A very strong attack. I was surprised," said Peter Sagan, the equally explosive Slovak who'd also been eyeing the stage to add to his collection of 11 career stage victories at the Tour. But as the pack then reacted and laid chase, eating into his meager lead of around half a minute, victory for Alaphilippe was by no means guaranteed.

Tongue lolling in the heat, the leader of the Deceuninck-Quick Step team kept his pursuers at bay for 16 long and lonely kilometers (10 miles), speeding alone up Epernay's cobbled Champagne Avenue heaving with sun-baked fans to the lung-busting uphill finish.

By the time he sped past a statue of Dom Perignon, a monk who lent his name to James Bond's favorite brand of Champagne, it became clear Alaphilippe wouldn't be caught.

"Winning the stage in this manner is the most beau-

tiful way to start this Tour," Alaphilippe said. "This opportunity offered itself up and I had to seize it."

He was overcome with emotion, barely able to speak through tears, at the prospect of slipping into the canary-yellow leader's jersey for the first time in his career. He took the race lead from Mike Teunissen, a Dutch sprinter who won it on Stage 1 and held it on Stage 2 but who wilted on Epernay's vineyard-covered hills.

It was Alaphilippe's first stage victory at this Tour and third in his career. He also won two stages on the Tour last year.

Although relatively flat for much of the way, the furious hilly finale of the 215-kilometer (134-mile) trek from the Belgian town of Binche offered more inklings about the fitness of main contenders for the overall victory in Paris on July 28.

Defending champion Geraint Thomas couldn't quite stay with his Ineos teammate Egan Bernal up the final incline. Bernal pipped Thomas by five seconds, strengthening suspicions that the lithe Colombian climber could be hard to contain in the Tour's mountains, with the first climbing stage fast approaching in Stage 6 on Thursday. □



This Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 file photo shows the headquarters of Europol in The Hague, Netherlands.

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## Massive police effort leads to steroid busts across Europe

By **EDDIE PELLIS**  
AP National Writer

A massive law-enforcement bust across Europe has resulted in the seizure of 24 tons of raw steroid powder and the closure of nine underground labs that produced performance-enhancing drugs and other illegal substances.

Europol said Monday that the operation, which included 33 countries and was led by national police forces in Italy and Greece, was the largest of its kind and led to the arrest of 234 people and the dismantling of 17 organized-crime groups.

The World Anti-Doping Agency also participated in the sting, which discovered a trafficking system in which non-professional athletes used rechargeable credit cards and cryptocurrencies to buy small amounts of illegal substances, much of which was moved through gyms and unregulated online pharmacies. Dealers used social media to advertise and promote their products.

"This is the sort of multi-party collaboration that produces real results and can make a significant impact on the availability of counterfeit and illegal drugs used by some athletes globally," WADA intelligence director Gunther Younger said.

Officials said they carried out a combined 1,357 urine and blood tests at sports events as part of the operation, though no details were shared about which events or who was tested.

Nearly 1,000 individuals have been reported for producing, selling or using performance enhancers and 839 judicial cases have been opened across Europe. Public authorities have been taking an increasingly high-profile role in sports corruption cases. Last October, the U.S. Justice Department charged Russian military intelligence officers in a wide-ranging case that included WADA and FIFA. Earlier in 2018, police in Austria raided the international biathlon federation's offices in a case in which the agency's president was accused of covering up Russian doping cases.

"So many of the busts that have happened in the sports world for doping recently have only been possible because police have wiretapping ability and other investigative powers that normal anti-doping agencies and sports organizations don't have," said Max Cobb, president of the U.S. Biathlon. "This just another example of how important that is to cleaning up sport." □



# U.S. men fail to follow women, lose Gold Cup final to Mexico

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

**CHICAGO (AP)** — The U.S. men's soccer players showed how far, far behind they are the women.

Hours after the American women won their fourth World Cup, the men were outplayed by Mexico in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final. Jonathan Dos Santos scored in the 73rd minute to give the El Tri a 1-0 victory Sunday night.

Star Christian Pulisic and captain Weston McKennie both left Soldier Field without speaking to reporters about the latest setback to a program still trying to rebound from its failure to qualify for last year's World Cup.

"Over the course of 90 minutes, Mexico was the better team," Gregg Berhalter said after his first tournament as U.S. coach. "What we lacked was I think some of the calmness, some of the composure."

Despite missing their top three forwards, El Tri had 58% possession, outshot the U.S. 20-10 and won their eighth Gold Cup title to six for the U.S., which dropped to 1-5 in Gold Cup finals against its biggest rival.

Days before he reports to Chelsea, Pulisic was by far



Mexico midfielder Jonathan Dos Santos (6) celebrates with teammates after scoring his first goal against the United States during the second half of the CONCACAF Gold Cup final soccer match in Chicago, Sunday, July 7, 2019.

the best U.S. player, using bursts of speed and cutting ability to create chances, but he rarely touched the ball in the second half. The 20-year-old midfielder was given the tournament's best young player award after scoring three goals with three assists.

"His contribution to the team this tournament was fantastic," Berhalter said. "Both sides of the ball. Off

the field."

McKenzie, coming off an excellent season with Schalke in the Bundesliga, was given the captain's arm band for the first time but was largely ineffective. "I'm not going to comment on his individual performance," said Berhalter, who also praised McKennie for his play earlier in the tournament.

While the crowd in Lyon,

France, was overwhelmingly pro-American as the U.S. beat the Netherlands 2-0 earlier in the day, El Tri supporters in green, white and red in the crowd of 62,493 made Solider Field seem like Mexico City's Estadio Azteca. Whenever American Zack Steffen took a goal kick, there were loud chants of "puto," an anti-gay slur Mexican fans repeatedly have been ad-

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monished for.

CONCACAF general secretary Philippe Moggio and spokesman Alvaro Urrutia did not respond to an email seeking comment.

Mexico scored on a move started by Dos Santos, who plays in Major League Soccer for the LA Galaxy. He passed the ball to Rodolfo Pizarro, who switched from the left flank to the right in the second half. Pizarro crossed in the penalty area where Raúl Jiménez played a back-heel pass to Dos Santos, who had continued his run. His left-footed shot went by the outstretched arm of Steffen for just his third goal in 46 international appearances.

"We couldn't quite find the first pass to get out in certain moments," midfielder Michael Bradley said. "Obviously then you get a little bit tired, and they start to gain some momentum, obviously. It culminates with them getting them the goal."

Bradley was among four holdovers in the starting lineup from the 11 who began the October 2017 loss at Trinidad and Tobago that cost the U.S. a World Cup berth, joined by Pulisic, midfielder Paul Arriola and forward Jozy Altidore. □

## Rapinoe

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But only after the introduction of French President Emmanuel Macron and FIFA counterpart Gianni Infantino for the on-field trophy presentation was followed by boos and chants of "equal pay" — thousands taking up Rapinoe's campaign for more equitable prize money from the World Cup organizers and compensation from the U.S. federation.

"A little public shame never hurt anyone," Rapinoe said with a winners' medal around her neck. "So I am down with it."

Not down with a visit to the White House, though, with Rapinoe's rejection of a post-tournament visit delivered publicly in a video

that emerged during the World Cup.

"Megan should WIN first before she TALKS!" President Donald Trump responded in tweet that lit up the tournament. "Finish the job!" When the job was finished Sunday, thanks to Rose Lavelle also scoring, only congratulations came from Trump — for the entire team.

In the hours before the Americans won a record fourth World Cup, Rapinoe found an advocate for the pursuit of greater pay equality in the French president. "We need to go progressively toward that," Macron said. "We should progressively converge."

That is undermined by the prize money for the men's World Cup in 2022 jumping



United States' Megan Rapinoe celebrates after scoring the opening goal from the penalty spot during the Women's World Cup final soccer match between US and The Netherlands at the Stade de Lyon in Decines, outside Lyon, France, Sunday, July 7, 2019.

to \$440 million when the women's teams will only split \$60 million in 2023. This time, it is only half that. Victory gave the Americans \$4 million — double the amount earned four years ago — as part of a

\$30 million prize pot but lagging the \$38 million earned by France for lifting the men's trophy last July in Moscow.

On the eve of the final, sitting in the same news conference position occupied

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by Infantino a day earlier, Rapinoe rebuked the head of soccer's governing body for disrespecting women as the prize-money gulf widens with the winners of the men's World Cups.

Rapinoe chose not to confront Infantino on the field. "There was a wry smile, for sure," she said. "He knows. He did say we'll have a conversation or something. I said, 'I'd love to.'"

Rapinoe has something to be thankful to Infantino for: the introduction of VAR, which has had a disruptive debut in women's soccer as referees and players have adjusted to the new technology. Replays confirmed Dutch defender Stefanie van der Gragt's high challenge on striker Alex Morgan and Rapinoe took on penalty duties for her 50th international goal. □



# Flying blind: Apps help visually impaired navigate airport

By KRISTEN DE GROOT

Associated Press

Navigating airports can be tricky. They're loud, crowded and not always laid out intuitively. They're even more challenging for visually impaired people. Chieko Asakawa knows those challenges firsthand, and she has also devised a remedy.

Asakawa has been blind since she was 14 and is now an IBM Fellow and a professor in Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute. This spring, she and other researchers at Carnegie Mellon launched a navigation app for Pittsburgh International Airport that provides turn-by-turn audio instructions to users on how to get to their destination, be it a departure gate, restaurant or restroom.

Pittsburgh is one of a growing number of airports around the globe to provide wayfinding apps. The Pittsburgh app, called NavCog, was first used at the Carnegie Mellon campus and works almost like an indoor GPS.

"Independence is very important," she said. "Technology has been helping us to be more independent and this is one of the examples. We still have a lot of challenges, but we will keep working to make it easier."

Typically, visually impaired travelers arrive at the Pittsburgh airport and request an escort, Asakawa said, but escorts aren't available until passengers check in. So they must reach the counter on their own.

The escort brings passengers to their gate and leaves, she said. For Asakawa, if she wanted a coffee, or if the flight was delayed, it was very difficult to manage, and very often she'd just be stranded at the gate.

With NavCog, she can get up and find the gift shop or coffee shop or even just wander around a bit, she said.

The app is up and running and free to download.

It works with the help of hundreds of Bluetooth beacons installed inside the air-



*This June 9, 2019 photo shows Chieko Asakawa using the airport wayfinding app that she and her team at Carnegie Mellon University to navigate through Pittsburgh International Airside terminal in Imperial, Pa. before boarding a flight to Japan.*

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port to wirelessly communicate a user's location.

Users put in where they are going; for example, Gate A3.

The app gives users audio instructions like "walk 20 feet and turn left" and gets them to their destination. The app lets users know what stores they might be passing, giving them a better sense of their surroundings, and shopping options. It relies on a map of the terminal that has been annotated with the locations of restrooms, restaurants, gates, entrances and ticketing counters.

Ten legally blind people tested the app using an iPhone 8, traversing the terminal's large open spaces, escalators and moving walkways with few errors. Most users were able to reach the ticketing counter in three minutes, traverse the terminal in about six

minutes, go from the gate to a restroom in a minute and go from the gate to a restaurant in about four minutes, the researchers said.

Carnegie Mellon and the airport have partnered in developing new systems and technologies for enhancing traveler experiences and airport operations. The technology is tested at the university's on-site lab at the airport.

"Part of our commitment to the public includes making sure our airport works for everyone, particularly as we modernize our facility for the future," said airport CEO Christina Cassotis.

The city is building a new airport terminal, slated to open in 2023, and incorporating the latest technology is a top priority, she said. Dozens of airports, including Philadelphia International, offer free use of a

service called Aira, where users connect with an "agent" either by using glasses equipped with a camera or through a smartphone app that accesses the user's camera.

Agents look at the footage and help relay what they see to the user, getting them where they need to go. The service is typically subscription-based and can be used at home or at work, but participating airports pay the fees for users on site.

Louisville International in Kentucky installed an app similar to NavCog in 2017, created by the American Printing House for the Blind, a company that develops products for the visually impaired.

Brian Charlson, with the American Council of the Blind, has been involved in wayfinding for over 30 years and has seen a num-

ber of airports and train stations try different technological approaches to make their spaces easier to navigate for the visually impaired. The NavCog app, he said, is a useful mashup of systems he's seen over the years.

He cautions, though, that the blind population is older and has a high unemployment rate, so many don't have access to smartphones, meaning such apps might be inaccessible.

Having options is always beneficial for the visually impaired, said John McNerney, interim CEO of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind.

"The apps can be very helpful," McNerney said. "The whole idea is that you would not have to depend on a person to help you. But even today, that's still a pretty good option." □



## US stocks drop on lower odds for steep Fed rate cut

By ALEX VEIGA  
Associated Press

Stocks fell in afternoon trading Monday amid growing speculation on Wall Street that unexpectedly strong U.S. employment data may keep the Federal Reserve from aggressively cutting interest rates.

The market rallied through much of June after the central bank signaled that it's prepared to lower its benchmark interest rate to offset slowing global growth and the fallout from U.S. trade conflicts.

Most investors have been expecting the Fed to approve at least a quarter-point rate cut at its upcoming meeting of policymakers at the end of this month. But a report Friday showing that U.S. employers added a robust 224,000 jobs in June has dimmed Wall Street's hopes for a more aggressive half-point cut. The Fed's benchmark rate currently stands in a range of 2.25% to 2.5%.

Technology and health care stocks drove much of the market's early slide. Apple dropped 2.1% and Cardinal Health slid 2.5%. Communications companies also declined broadly. Google parent Alphabet fell 1.5% and TripAdvisor dropped 3.3%.

Banks fell as bond prices rose, sending yields lower. When bond yields decline they pull down interest rates that banks charge on



Israel's Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon, right, meets with specialist Thomas Schreck during a visit to the New York Stock Exchange trading floor, Monday, July 8, 2019.

mortgages and other consumer loans. Bank of New York Mellon slid 3.6%.

Traders shifted money into U.S. government bonds and sectors seen as less risky, including real estate. Macerich rose 1.3%. Energy stocks rose along with the price of crude oil.

Helmerich & Payne gained 1.5%. Homebuilders were broadly higher as the yield on the 10-year Treasury note declined, setting the stage for lower mortgage rates that reduce the cost of a home loan. Beazer Homes USA rose 2.2%.

Monday's slide places the market on course for its second straight loss. The

benchmark S&P 500 index closed at record highs three days in a row last week and is about 0.7% below its all-time high set Wednesday.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 was down 0.5% as of 1:23 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 124 points, or 0.5%, to 26,797. The Nasdaq composite dropped 0.9%, while the Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks lost 0.9%.

Major stock indexes in Europe closed lower.

**RATE CUT DOUBTS:** The Federal Reserve will hold its next meeting of policymakers at the end of July, after which the panel will reveal

whether it has decided to cut rates for the first time since the Great Recession in 2008 in the face of slowing economic momentum around the world.

Last year, Fed officials raised rates four times, in part to stave off the risk of high inflation and in part to try to ensure that they would have room to cut rates if the economy stumbled.

On Friday, the Fed emphasized that it would act as necessary to sustain the economic expansion, while noting that most Fed officials have lowered their expectations for the course of rates. The Fed's statement

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came in its semiannual report on monetary policy. Investors will be listening closely for any hints on the central bank's interest rate policy on Wednesday and Thursday, when Fed Chairman Jerome Powell delivers the Fed's monetary report to Congress.

**BIG BANK SHAKEUP:** Germany's struggling Deutsche Bank tumbled 5.7% after it disclosed plans to cut 18,000 jobs by 2022 as it shrinks its investment banking division. It says the move is part of a sweeping restructuring aimed at restoring consistent profitability and improving returns to its shareholders.

**RED FLAGS:** F5 Networks was among the biggest decliners in the S&P 500 after an analyst at Goldman Sachs downgraded the stock, saying the provider of cloud computing services for mobile apps faces risks amid weaker short-term business spending and rising competition. The stock slid 4%.

**HOME SWEET HOME:** MDC Holdings rose 5.5% after the homebuilder issued preliminary second-quarter results that show orders for new homes jumped 32% from a year earlier.

**PROMISING THERAPY:** Sangamo Therapeutics surged 8.3% after the gene therapy company gave a positive update on research into an experimental treatment for severe hemophilia A. □

## Deutsche Bank cuts mark end to failed bid for global scale

By GEIR MOULSON  
Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — The radical and painful restructuring of Germany's Deutsche Bank, which is cutting 18,000 jobs, is the end of a long, failed attempt to compete with the global investment banking giants that left it overextended.

The bank plan unveiled Sunday aims to go "back to our roots" by refocusing on traditional strengths like serving corporate customers and wealthy individuals and cutting down on its stock-trading business and fixed-income investments. Investors gave a wary re-

sponse on Monday, however, pushing shares down 5% at 6.82 euros (\$7.68) in Frankfurt.

CEO Christian Sewing said the job cuts have already begun and will last until 2022, though he wouldn't give a geographical breakdown.

Deutsche Bank had nearly 91,500 employees at the end of March, about 41,600 of them in Germany. Many of its investment banking activities are carried out in New York and London.

"This is a rebuilding which, in a way, also takes us back to our roots," Sewing said in a message to staff.



Deutsche Bank sign on the outside of their building in London, Monday, July, 8, 2019.

Analysts say the overhaul is the bank's long-needed reckoning with the failure of its expansion plan.

Deutsche Bank's move into investment banking dates back to 1989, when it took over Morgan Grenfell, and

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the 1999 takeover of Bankers Trust.

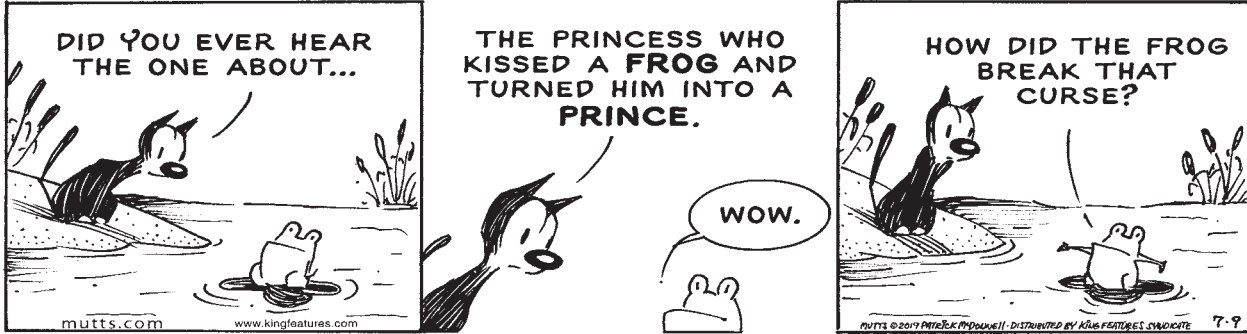
The division helped drive strong profits in the 2000s and was part of an ambition to become one of the global banking giants, like JPMorgan or HSBC.

But the expansion, and the global financial crisis around 2008, also helped generate its subsequent problems.

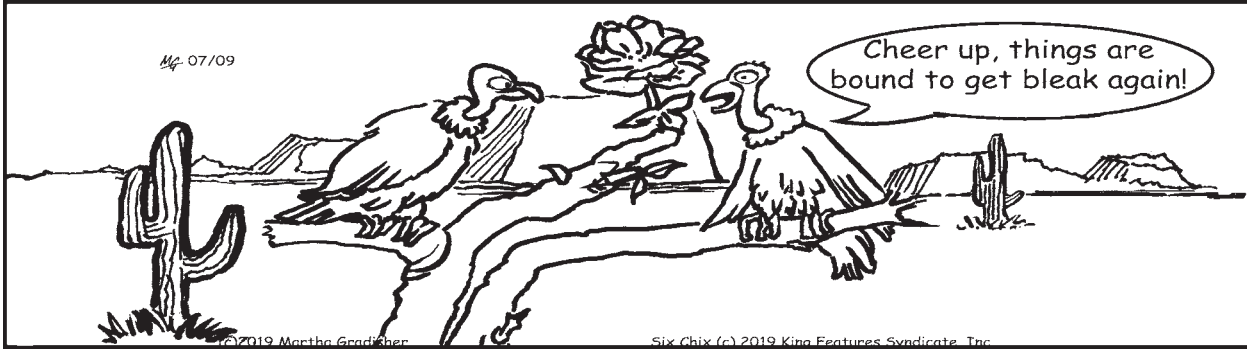
Deutsche Bank wrestled for years with high costs, weak profits, and a low share price. It also paid billions in fines and settlements related to behavior before and after the global financial crisis. □



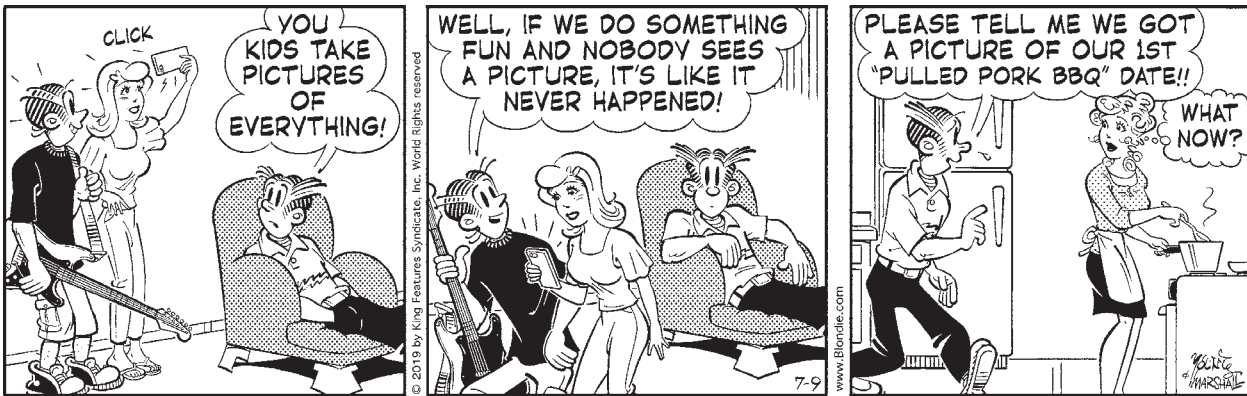
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# Quakes alert Californians to be ready for dreaded 'Big One'

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RIDGECREST, Calif. (AP)

— Shaken residents are cleaning up from two of the biggest earthquakes to rattle California in decades as scientists warn that both should serve as a wake-up call to be ready when the long-dreaded "Big One" strikes.

California is spending more than \$16 million to install thousands of quake-detecting sensors statewide that officials say will give utilities and trains precious seconds to shut down before the shaking starts.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said it's time residents did their part by mapping out emergency escape routes and preparing earthquake kits with food, water, lights and other necessities.

"It is a wake-up call for the rest of the state and other parts of the nation, frankly," Newsom said at a week-end news conference on efforts to help a desert region jolted by back-to-back quakes.

A magnitude 6.4 earthquake Thursday and a magnitude 7.1 quake Friday were centered 11 miles (18 kilometers) from the small town of Ridgecrest, about 150 miles (241 kilometers) from Los Angeles. The quakes buckled highways and ruptured gas lines that sparked several house fires, and officials said about 50 homes in the nearby small town of Trona were damaged. No one was killed or seriously injured, which authorities attributed to the remote location in the Mojave Desert.

"Any time that we can go through a 7-point earthquake and we do not



A visitor takes a photo of a crack on the ground following recent earthquakes Sunday, July 7, 2019, outside of Ridgecrest, Calif.

report a fatality, a major injury, do not suffer structure damage that was significant, I want to say that that was a blessing and a miracle," Kern County Fire Department spokesman Andrew Freeborn said Sunday.

Seismologists said a similar-sized quake in a major city like San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego could collapse bridges, buildings and freeways, as well as spark devastating fires fueled by ruptured gas lines. "We're going to have a magnitude 6, on average, somewhere in Southern California every few years. We've actually gone 20 years without one, so we have had the quietest 20 years in the history of Southern California," said seismologist Lucy Jones of the California Institute of Technology.

"That's unlikely to continue in the long run," she added. "Geology keeps on moving ... and we should be expecting a higher rate. And when it happens near

people, it is going to be a lot worse."

Thus the need for preparation, Newsom and others say.

Some Californians, like Greg Messigian of Los Angeles, say they're already taking precautions. His wake-up call came with the 1994 Northridge earthquake that killed 61 people and caused \$15 billion in damage. His San Fernando Valley home, located just above the fault line, was all but destroyed.

"We had brick walls around the perimeter that had all fallen down. We had cracks in the pool. Inside the house everything that we ever had on a shelf was broken. Television sets fell off the places where they were and cracked. Our chimney was broken. There were cracks in the walls."

With the help of earthquake insurance, Messigian rebuilt.

On Sunday, the retired schoolteacher was going over his preparedness kit, making sure he had everything he would need for the next quake.

Among the contents: Enough water to last a week, extra shoes and clothes, blankets, flashlights, batteries, food, a cellphone charger and food for the family dog. On top of that, he has an escape route planned and keeps one car parked in

the garage and another in the driveway — in case the garage falls down on the car.

The 1994 quake was not the state's most devastating. The famous 1906 San Francisco earthquake killed 3,000 people. A 1971 San Fernando quake, centered not far from the Northridge quake, killed 65. The 1989 Loma Prieta quake that struck the Bay Area as the San Francisco Giants played Game 3 of the World Series killed 63.

Kathy Mirescu of Los Angeles said she had been meaning to restock her earthquake safety kit and got a push following the quakes she called the strongest she's felt since moving to California in 2000.

"The size of those quakes drove home the urgency of making sure we had everything we needed," she said.

The Salesforce product designer spent \$250 on everything from camping lanterns, flares and waterproof matches to nonperishable food, iodine tablets for purifying water and freeze-dried food for her dog.

As people prepared, authorities repaired roads and utilities.

The quakes sparked several house fires, shut off power, snapped gas lines, cracked buildings and flooded some homes when water lines broke. Newsom

estimated the damage at more than \$100 million and said President Donald Trump called him to offer federal support.

All roads serving Ridgecrest, a town of 28,000, were safe to drive again, water and power had been restored, Police Chief Jed McLaughlin said. He said homes were being inspected for damage and all government buildings were declared safe.

Officials told several hundred people at a community meeting Sunday to boil their tap water for at least several days once it returns. Mayor Peggy Breeden said two trucks with water were coming to Ridgecrest and nearby Trona.

Several people said they will need counseling after dealing with the disruptions caused by the earthquakes, including sleeping outside their homes.

Breeden said residents had proved their toughness. "Let's hear it for Ridgecrest!" she said to a standing ovation.

Residents of Trona, southwest of Death Valley, reported electricity had been restored but water and gas service was still out at many homes. People in the town of about 2,000 lined up for free water that California National Guard soldiers handed out at Trona High School.

"I just picked up a couple cases for me and my dog," said Jeb Halem, adding that his home of 40 years otherwise escaped unscathed.

With temperatures hovering around the 100-degree mark, Sgt. Robert Madrigal said the National Guard would provide water "just as long as they need us here."

Officials were taking precautions because of the heat and expectation of thousands of smaller aftershocks over the next several days.

The U.S. Geological Survey said there was just a 1% chance of another magnitude 7 or higher earthquake in the next week, and a rising possibility of no magnitude 6 quakes. □



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## Lithuanian couple crowned 'wife carrying' world champions

**SONKAJARVI, Finland (AP)**

— A Lithuanian man and his wife have won the world 'wife carrying' title, leaping over timber and wading through waist-high water to beat dozens of other couples for a second year running. The prize is the wife's weight in beer.

Vytautas Kirkliuskas and his wife Neringa Kirkliauskiene cleared a grueling 253.5 meter (278-yard) obstacle course in 1 minute 6.72 seconds Saturday.

That was just a tenth of a second ahead of former six-time world champion, Finland's Taisto Miettinen and his new partner Katja Kovanen.

"After the second obstacle I thought I wouldn't make, but it's a great result" Kirkliuskas said, adding "my wife, she is the best."

Couples from over a dozen countries, including Australia, France and Germany, took part in the annual race in the central Finnish municipality of Sonkajarvi, 300 miles (480 kilometers) north of Helsinki, the capital.

The rules stipulate that the woman must be over 17 years of age and weigh at least 49 kilograms (108 pounds).

Despite the event's name, couples don't have to be married, and organizers say male contestants could "steal a neighbor's wife" if

they don't have a female companion.

The length of the obstacle course is said to be the

the women can seem as enthusiastic as the men.

down on the back on the male contestant with her legs around his shoulders.

The popularity of wife carrying races has spread outside Finnish borders, with national competitions held in Australia, Poland, England and the United States.

Even China has announced it will be organizing its first national edition in August with the winners traveling to Finland to compete in the world championships in 2020. Finland has established itself as a prime venue for unusual events that include the air guitar world championship, swamp soccer and a new addition this year with a heavy metal knitting competition.

"It's summertime and we just want to have some fun together," said Eero Pitkanen, the competition's founder.

"It's great to see our small town put on the map because of this."

The rules stipulate that participants must have fun during the race, but that doesn't stop them taking the race very seriously.

Along with the pride that comes from being crowned world champions, the couple also returns home with the wife's weight in beer. "The heavier the wife, the more beer for them," said Pitkanen. □



People take part in the wife carrying race, a 278-yard obstacle course, during the 24th world championships in Sonkajarvi, Finland, Saturday, July 6, 2019.

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The event is inspired by a Finnish legend, "Ronkainen the Robber." In the 19th century tale, a gang pillages villages and steals the women.

distance needed to avoid being shot by pursuers.

While the sport might have its origins in a dark legend, for participants it's just lighthearted fun and

Revived in 1992, the tradition now has men carry their teammate in various ways, though a popular method is for the woman to hang upside-

## Super sleuth Harry Hole at his sharpest in 'Knife'

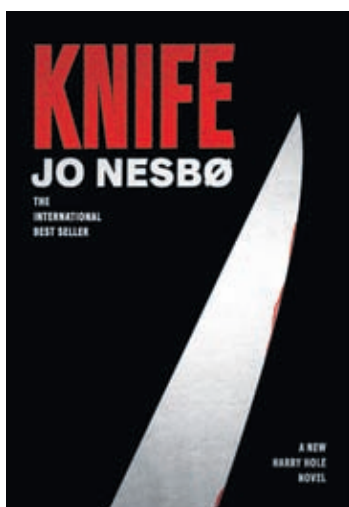
By **ROB MERRILL**

Associated Press

"Knife," by Jo Nesbø (Alfred A. Knopf)

Full disclosure: I am not a Harry Hole junkie. I saw the movie version of "The Snowman," the seventh in the now dozen novels featuring Michael Fassbender as Nesbø's Norwegian detective, but "Knife" is my first written exposure to what many consider the king of Scandinavian crime fiction. And after reading it, I kind of wish I'd started at the beginning.

Still, "Knife" is indeed a sharp example of its genre. The pages turn, the violence is brutal, and the characters



This cover image released by Alfred A. Knopf shows "Knife," by Jo Nesbo.

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are well-drawn and mysterious. But let's talk about Harry Hole. For starters, that

laughable name in English is apparently a joke caused by translation — in Norwegian, it's pronounced "Hoo-leh." When we meet him in "Knife," Harry wakes up with someone else's blood on his hands, no memory of the night before, and desperate enough for a drink that he's willing to lick the floor for a drop of alcohol. There's a hell of a spoiler about 40 pages in that really juices the plot. Hole fans will be (happy?) to know that Norway's most notorious serial rapist, Svein Finne, returns and isn't exactly reformed after his years in prison.

The book is dense, but brisk.

Harry develops theories of the case, pursues them, comes to a dead end, and then follows another thread that leads him to the next suspect. Nesbø has a great sense of pacing. Each reveal — did he do it? did she? — is meticulously laid out as he takes readers along for the ride. I never felt like I was ahead of Harry in my deduction. The final whodunit is powerful and leaves Harry — and readers — wondering what's next.

I do wish I could read it in its native Norwegian. It can't be easy to translate anything, much less a crime novel, leaving us with pas-

sages like this: "A confession. The truth. Atonement. The thought was liberating. But it was no more than a brief, soothing puff of wind under the blazing sun in a desert with an unbroken horizon of hopelessness."

In the end, if you're looking to start a new crime series, it makes no sense not to start with book one, "The Bat," published in 1997. If you're already high on Harry, I suspect "Knife" will scratch all your itches until the very end, when Nesbø does the only sensible thing an author can do after writing 12 books featuring one character — set you up for book 13. □



# Alaska Native girl leads animated kids TV show in US first

By RACHEL D'ORO

Associated Press

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)**

— Princess Daazhraii Johnson grew up eating dried salmon and moose-head soup — foods labeled weird by other kids who had no understanding of her culture and traditions. Now the Fairbanks woman and other Alaska Natives are presenting their world to a general audience with "Molly of Denali," the

nation's first-ever children's series featuring indigenous leads.

The animated show, which premieres July 15 on PBS Kids, highlights the adventures of a 10-year-old Athabaskan girl, Molly Mabray. Her family owns the Denali Trading Post in the fictitious community of Qyah, whose residents are both Native and non-Native.

"We have an opportunity with this show, with 'Molly



This image released by PBS shows characters, from left, Tooeey, voiced by Sequoia Janvier, Trini, voiced by Vienna Leacock and Molly, voiced by Sovereign Bill, in a scene from the animated series "Molly of Denali."

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of Denali,' to inform and to show us in a positive and respectful light," says Johnson, creative producer of the series and a member of an Athabaskan group, Neets'aii Gwich'in.

Her family has roots in Arctic Village, Alaska, but she grew up all over the state, she says, including summers spent with her grandmother in the Gwich'in village of Fort Yukon.

Native Americans voice the indigenous characters in the series, which is co-produced by Boston-based WGBH and animation partner Atomic Cartoons in collaboration with Alaska Native advisers and script writers.

Molly is voiced by 14-year-old Sovereign Bill of Auburn, Washington. Bill, who auditioned for the role after hearing about it through a Seattle-based Native youth theater group, is a member of the Muckleshoot Indian tribe in Washington and the T'ak Dein Taan clan of the Tlingit tribe from the southeast Alaska community of Hoonah.

Bill said her mother was deeply touched by one of the stories in the hour-long premiere: a look at Molly's grandfather, who left his traditional drum with a friend way back in his youth. Molly goes on to find the friend and drum in another community, using clues in an old photo of her grandfather and his friend to search the internet.

It turns out the grandfather had given up singing along with the drum after he was sent away — as scores of Native children once were — to boarding school, where students were prohibited from practicing their tribal songs amid language suppression efforts. The story ends with the grandfather reconnecting with those cherished traditions.

Bill said her maternal grandmother also had been sent away to boarding school. Given her family's background, Bill's mother was nearly brought to tears because of the story's "good message," the teen said.

"It's able to pass on that message through a kind and loving and kid-friendly way," she said. "But it's still teaching and it's still giving those important values."

As for Johnson's childhood food favorites, dried fish makes an appearance in the show. What about moose-head soup? "Not yet," Johnson says with a laugh.

Following the longer premiere, the 30-minute show will run mornings seven days a week, according to WGBH executive producer Dorothea Gillim. PBS ordered 38 half-hour episodes besides the premiere, with 13 episodes set for the first rotation.

Each episode also includes a short video featuring real Alaska Native children living life in a vast state

populated by multiple Native groups with their own diverse cultures and languages.

Gillim said she long wanted to do a show featuring a store that's a social center for locals, like a local store of the Rochester, New York-based Wegmans grocery chain was for her growing up in that city. And WGBH co-creator Kathy Waugh always wanted to do one on an outdoorsy girl. The store became a trading post when the creators decided to place it in Alaska after hearing that then-President Barack Obama visited the state in 2015.

"We knew immediately that we needed to partner with Alaska Natives to develop it so that it was truly authentic," Gillim said.

Among those advisers is Anchorage resident Rochelle Adams, a Gwich'in Athabaskan linguist who still lives part time in the tiny Yukon River village of Beaver in Alaska's interior, where people continue to live a subsistence lifestyle, hunting for moose and black bear.

In 2016, Adams and other advisers met with Gillim for two days in Fairbanks in what Adams describes as an intensive time fleshing out the characters and their community. Adams said she hopes the series educates the world amid so many misconceptions about the state and Alaska Natives. □

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## Brazilian bossa nova pioneer Joao Gilberto dies at 88

By MARCELO SILVA DE SOU-SA

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Joao Gilberto, a Brazilian singer, guitarist and songwriter considered one of the fathers of the bossa nova genre that gained global popularity in the 1960s and became an iconic sound of the South American nation, died on Saturday, his son said. He was 88.

Joao Marcelo said his father had been battling health issues though no official cause of his death in Rio de Janeiro was given. "His struggle was noble. He tried to maintain his dignity in the light of losing his independence," Marcelo posted on Facebook.

A fusion of samba and jazz, bossa nova emerged in the late 1950s and gained a worldwide following in the 1960s, pioneered by Gilberto and Antonio Carlos Jobim, who composed the iconic The Girl From Ipanema that was performed by Gilberto and others. His wife Astrud Gilberto made her vocal debut in the song. Self-taught, Gilberto said he discovered music at age 14 when he held a guitar in his



In this June 18, 2004 file photo, Brazilian composer Joao Gilberto performs at Carnegie Hall, in New York.

hands for the first time. With his unique playing style and modern jazz influences, he created the beat that defined bossa nova, helping launch the genre with his song "Bim-Bom."

By 1961, Gilberto had finished the albums that would make bossa nova known around the world: "Chega de Saudade," "Love, A Smile and A Flower," and "Joao Gilberto." His

1964 album Getz/Gilberto with U.S. saxophonist Stan Getz sold millions of copies. "It was Joao Gilberto, the greatest genius of Brazilian music, who was the definitive influence on my music," singer Gal Costa wrote on social media. "He will be missed but his legacy is very important to Brazil and to the world."

Born in Bahia in northeastern Brazil, Gilberto moved

to Rio de Janeiro at a young age. He was influenced by U.S. jazz greats and recorded songs in the United States where he lived for much of the 1960s and 1970.

Over his career he won two Grammy awards and was nominated for six, and the U.S. jazz magazine Down-Beat in 2009 named him one of the 75 great guitarists in history and one of the

five top jazz singers. An entire subsequent generation of Brazilian musicians, including Gilberto Gil, Chico Buarque and Caetano Veloso, are considered his disciples. Journalist and bossa nova expert Ruy Castro called the death of Gilberto a "monumental" loss.

Castro wrote in his book "The Wave that Built in the Sea" that Gilberto loved soccer and was a fan of the Fluminense club, whose games he liked to watch with a guitar in his hands.

"He managed to create a mystique about him abroad, being who he was and not even speaking English," he told the Globo television station.

The musician had spent his final years wrapped in legal troubles, debts and disputes with his children. His last live performance was in 2008 and he canceled a commemorative show to mark his 80th year because of health problems.

With little interest in giving interviews, he'd become known as the "reclusive genius" in the streets of Leblon, the neighborhood in a southern part of Rio where he lived but was seldom seen. □

## Grand Ole Opry tours get updated with new immersive film

By KRISTIN M. HALL

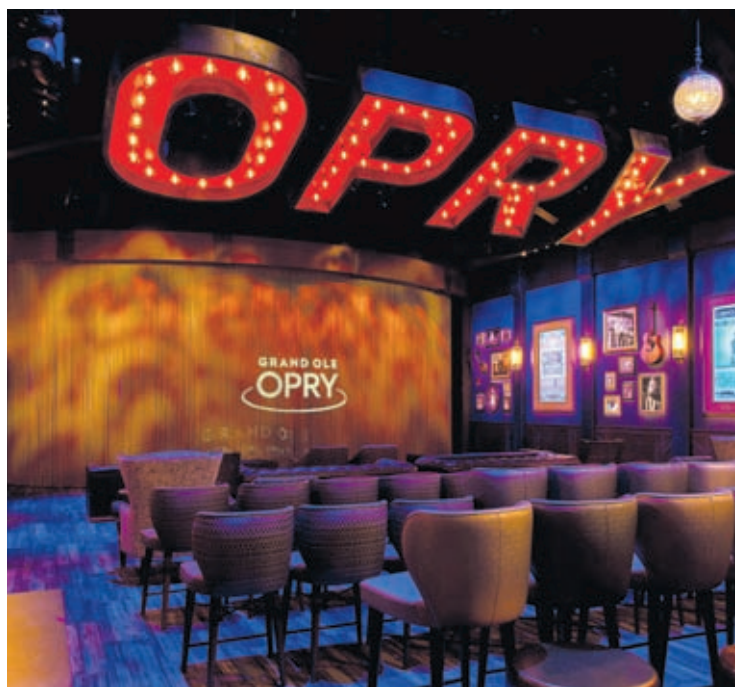
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

The backstage of the Grand Ole Opry, a radio staple since 1925, is a place where you might run into your favorite country star, drop a letter in a singer's mailbox or take a peek inside a dressing room where an impromptu jam session is happening.

Every year, 1 million people come to the Opry House in Nashville, Tennessee, to see a performance, or event, or take one of the backstage tours that allow fans to see behind the red curtain on the "show that made country music famous."

And a new feature this year on those tours is an immersive film that explains the history of the unique institution while showing video clips of over 100



This June 13, 2019 photo released by the Grand Ole Opry shows the Circle Room, where a new immersive film explains the history of the Grand Ole Opry while showing video clips of over 100 different artists on stage.

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different artists on stage. The 14-minute film is hosted by Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood and is projected

onto three screens inside the new Circle Room, which is the first stop for fans on the Opry's daily tours.

Country singer Jeannie Sealey is coming up on her 52nd year as a member of the Grand Ole Opry, one of only three living female artists who have been members longer than 50 years. The singer who had a hit with "Don't Touch Me" in 1966, has seen the radio program, the Opry House and its tours transform and be updated over the years. "It is so alive. It is so realistic," said Sealey of the new film. "I think the pacing they did creates that excitement."

The film is projected onto thousands of reflective threads that make up the screens, and the movement of the threads, as well as the curve of the screen creates a sense

of dimension. Brooks and Yearwood seem almost like they are standing on a replica of the circle of wood that artists stand in on the real Opry stage.

"It struck me how difficult it is to represent so many eras and so many people and cover 94 years," Sealey said. "It struck me how well they did that."

The film features archival footage of iconic stars from Roy Acuff, Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash and Reba McEntire, and clips of artists like Carrie Underwood and Darius Rucker being surprised with an invitation to become Opry members. The daytime tour also features a guided tour throughout the venue, including Studio A where "Hee Haw" was filmed, the dressing rooms and the stage. □



# Prosecco's bubble shows no sign of bursting

By COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

**ASOLO, Italy (AP)** — Prosecco, the fruity sparkling wine made in the northeastern hills of Italy is gaining in global popularity — and producers of Champagne, for so long the dominant bubbly wine, are taking note.

Prosecco has become the best-selling sparkling wine in the world by volume, and experts say it is eroding the market share of Champagne, the French wine that is synonymous with celebration but also comes with a heftier price tag. The Italian wine's production eclipsed Champagne's five years ago and is now 75 percent higher at 544 million bottles.

Champagne still claims the revenues crown, cashing in a record 4.9 billion euros (\$5.6 billion) last year on 307 million bottles, 2.8 billion euros of that in exports. But Prosecco's bubble shows no sign of bursting: exports this year are trending up 16 percent over last year's 804 million-euro (\$913 million) high. Adding insult to injury, sales are surging 40 percent in Champagne's home country, France, according to one estimate. And those figures don't reflect the seasonal Christmas sales bump of 20 percent.

Michael Edwards, an expert who has been a wine judge for Decanter magazine and wrote the book "The Finest Wines of Champagne," says consumers are increasingly interested in sparkling wines.

"Prosecco capitalizes on the desire to drink sparkling wine, not necessarily Champagne," he says.



In this image taken on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, wine grower Adelino Pizzobon checks a bunch of grapes in a Prosecco vineyard at the Case Paolin farm, in Volpago del Montello, Italy.

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The Italian bubbly's success is attributed to its lower price and its profile as an anytime libation, making it popular in Great Britain, the United States and Germany, markets where Champagne has long flourished. Jowin Lepper Carberry, a consultant for a medical devices company in Baltimore, Maryland, tried Prosecco at the beach four years ago, and liked it so much she started making frozen smoothies with it for friends at her pool. She moved on to making cocktails for dinner parties and has used Prosecco instead of Champagne for the past four New Year's Eves.

"My initial reason for trying it at the beach is because it was less expensive than Champagne. Now I use it because I prefer it to Champagne," she said. With an average production cost of 3.70 euros (\$4.20) per bottle, a fraction of Champagne's average 10.24 euros (\$11.63), Prosecco can be pur-

chased at a price that makes it easier to buy as an after-work drink or for a casual gathering, without pomp and circumstance.

The lower price is in part made possible by a simpler production method. It has two processes of fermentation, both in large tanks, whereas Champagne's second fermentation period is done while the wine is bottled. That requires storing the Champagne bottles at an angle and turning them slightly every day by hand to help the fermentation — expensive manual labor when done over thousands of bottles.

Prosecco producers themselves are taken aback by their wine's success, and mindful not to squander it. They are up against not only imitators, but also other sparkling wines, like Spain's Cava, which still does not rival Prosecco in terms of global sales, and

Germany's Sekt, which experts say has improved in quality. "As the old innkeepers used to say, even the fountain outside the bar is competition," said Armando Serena the head of the Asolo Consortium of Prosecco makers. "But it is certainly not a phenomenon that we expected. It is cause for reflection for (Champagne producers) perhaps."

Prosecco's growing popularity, and the proliferation of sparkling wines in general fueled by younger drinkers, is forcing Champagne makers to up their game.

"The quality of Champagne at the moment has never been higher because it has to be. The danger is the competition, so it has to be better," said Edwards.

At the same time, the three consortiums that make Prosecco have taken some hints from the Champagne

playbook.

They successfully lobbied to have Prosecco as a brand with protected status switched from the grape once known as Prosecco, and now Glera, to a hilly territory in northeastern Italy. It is based around the city of Treviso and encompasses five provinces in the wider Veneto region and four in neighboring Friuli Venezia Giulia, right up to the Slovenian border. That change, made in 2009, has helped producers better control quality and fight against counterfeiters.

The most renowned of the three consortiums, Conegliano Valdobbiadene, is trying to get the territory recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site, a label that experience in other regions shows boosts both tourism and the value of the product. Champagne received its UNESCO status in 2015. Prosecco makers are betting future success on higher quality, and higher-priced vintages. The best Valdobbiadene can cost up to 30 euros (\$34).

Sebastiano Bonomo, export manager at the Giusti Dal Col winery near Treviso, said he can imagine one day high-end restaurants keeping a Prosecco list, like they do for Champagne, based on geographic denominations and zones.

"That is the plan we should go for, being able to bring knowledge about our territory, just like the knowledge off Champagne was spread to the entire world," Bonomo said.

Asolo is the smallest of the three consortia making Prosecco, but it has expanded its vineyards by 86 percent from 2011 to 2017. That has given much needed economic stimulus to a region that suffered a blow with the failure of two regional banks that devoured billions in savings.

"We see many young people who are remaining to work in family companies ... because they have prospects of a good life," Serena said. "Prosecco has a fruitiness and a perfume that gives hope for the future." □



In this image taken on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, wine grower Adelino Pizzobon inspects a Prosecco vineyard at the Case Paolin farm, in Volpago del Montello, Italy.

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In this image taken on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, wine grower Adelino Pizzobon opens a container of Prosecco wine, at the Case Paolin farm, in Volpago del Montello, Italy.

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